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A Nobel Exhortation: 'Let New Age Be Born!' Jointly Accepting Peace Prize in Oslo,

Mandela and de Klerk Voice Optimism

By John Darnton New York Times Service

- The two were opponents and collaborators - one the freedom fighter who suffered nearly three decades in prison, the other the enforcer of the white power structure who finally bowed to the imperative for change. On Friday, they accepted the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their great joint enterprise of bringing peace and nonracial democracy within reach of South Africa.

In speeches that merged and diverged like tributaries of the Limpopo River, Nelson Man-dela and President Frederik W. de Klerk looked to a future of rejoicing and prosperity for their country, shed of the fears and injustices of

day be measured in the happiness and welfare of children. Both said there were dangers ahead, should the process of negotiation and multiracial cooperation that they started be derailed by extremists. And both, at least for the day, were optimistic.

"Let a new age be born!" proclaimed Mr. Mandela at the end of his address, beaming as thousands applauded inside a cavernous hall of marble and murals in the Oslo City Hall.

The new age is supposed to start in April, when the first elections based on universal suffrage end the era of white minority rule - a time, Mr. Mandela said, when "all humanity will join together to celebrate one of the outstanding human victories of our century."

"That triumph will finally bring to a close a history of 500 years of African colonization that began with the establishment of the Portu-

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guese empire," he declared. The election, said Mr. de Klerk, will "not be about blacks or whites, or Afrikaners and Xhosas" or "apartheid or armed simggle."

"It will be," he said, "about future peace and stability, about progress and prosperity, about

"Five years ago, people would have seriously questioned the sanity of anyone who would have predicted that Mr. Mandela and I would be joint recipients of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize," he noted, and a titter of laughter from the audience told him he was right.

Two previous human-rights campaigners from South Africa have won the Peace Prize, both black. The Zulu Chief Alvert Lutholi won in 1960 for leading passive resistance to racist laws. The Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu won in 1984 for his stance against apartheid in his public speeches.

The award, established in the 1895 will of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, includes a gold medal, a diploma and a check now. worth about \$810,000, which will be shared.

When the selections were announced in October, some commentators felt that the life-long contribution of Mr. Mandela, the 75-year-old patriarch of the anti-apartheid movement, so outweighed Mr. de Klerk's that a joint award was inappropriate. Mr. de Klerk, 57, took office as acting presi-

dent in August 1989, and then was elected the following month. Some changes in dismantling apartheid were already under way, such as repeal of the passbook and influx-control regulations, which were intended to keep blacks out

But once in office, he sped the changes up considerably. Public protest was legalized, bans were lifted on the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party, and political prisoners were released. On Feb. 11, 1990, after serving 271/2 years in prison, a gray-

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Bitter Heartland Means Hard Times for Yeltsin

By Lee Hockstader

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Cities like Togliatir, which is home to Rus-

sia's largest carmaker, the Volga Auto Fac-tory, have been joiled by declining production, soaring prices and a sharp increase in crime since Mr. Yeltsin's reforms took hold two years ago.

Many people here say that when they vote on Sunday to elect a new parliament, they plan to show their displeasure by voting for Mr. Yeltsin's most bitter opponents. In dozens of interviews this week — here. in the nearby industrial city of Samara, and in the agricultural belt around the southern city

of Krasnodar — a slim plurality said they would support reformist candidates who gen-

erally back Mr. Yeltsin's policies. Most opin-Washington Post Service ion surveys indicate that TOGLIATTI, Russia — If the social up will do well in the vote. ion surveys indicate that pro-reform parties

> lature nearly as difficult to work with as the One of Mr. Yellsin's own top local official

> predicted that the vote Sunday would be split almost evenly between generally pro-Yeltsin, reformist parties and hard-line nationalists

"It will be a very powerful opposition in the parliament," said Lev Liapin, a former architect who is Mr. Yeltsin's representative

Particularly worrying for Yeltsin officials is what appears to be a surge of support for Vladimir Zhirinovsky, an ultranationalist

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An unemployed man and his children viewing campaign posters Friday in Moscow.

3 Palestinians Killed as Violence Surges

By David Hoffman

JERUSALEM - Three Palestinians were shot and killed on Friday while sitting in a parked car, and radical Jewish settlers said they carried out the attack to avenge the shooting death earlier this week of two Jews.

.The killings occurred near Hebron in the West Bank, which has been the scene of clashes between settlers and Palestinians over the last week. Earlier in the day, a series of knifings and shootings in the Gaza Strip wounded two Israe-

In an interview broadcast Friday night on Israeli television, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sought to calm the public, shaken by one of the most deadly and sustained periods of vio-

"We are predicting a period of difficulty and

pain," Mr. Rabin said, but be warned that from the West Bank town of Jericho and the Palestine Liberation Organization, "the terror will increase."

In a surprise move, Hanan Ashrawi, one of a new generation of Palestinians from the territories who gained worldwide attention as a spokesman for the delegation to the peace talks, said she would refuse to accept any appoint-ment in the new Palestinian governing author-

Mrs. Ashrawi, who was to be appointed the Palestinian envoy in Washington, said she had begun organizing a new, independent commission to support democracy and guard against human-rights violations under the new Palestinian authority.

The violence came just days before the deadline for Israel to begin its military withdrawal

ation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat, will meet Sunday in Cairo in an effort to narrow outstanding disagreements on the pullout. Mr. Rabin pledged an "intensive" effort to resolve

the disputes. Even if an agreement is not reached by the Monday deadline, Israel is expected to leave a base in a Gaza refugee district in a symbolic move to demonstrate that the process is still

moving ahead. As the deadline approaches, Palestinian radicals and Jewisb extremists have been exchanging deadly attacks. Last Sunday, an Israeli was gunned down by a Palestinian, who was also killed, in a bus attack. On Monday, a Jewish settler, Mordechai La-

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EC Leaders Deny Delors Full Support On Jobs Plan

Concern Over Spending Dominates the Summit, Trade Issues Sidelined

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — European Community leaders expressed support here Friday for a longawaited plan to tackle the bloc's record unemployment, but they looked likely to stifle the plan's core, a multibillion-dollar borrowing program to finance huge public works projects.

Despite the deadline Wednesday to complete
a world trade accord, the 12 EC leaders mostly

avoided formal discussion of trade at their summit meeting, except to endorse the jobs plan's call for the Community to remain committed to open markets and a global trade deal. They deferred a serious discussion on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks in Geneva until the global negotiations there produce a deal that can be voted on, at a

specially convened EC meeting Monday. Those talks ran into more trouble Friday as the United States and the Community quarreled over opening up shipping services. (Page 11)
The EC leaders largely endorsed a proposal
by the EC Commission, the Community's exec-

utive agency, to build trans-European transportation and information links to create employment and bolster Europe's competitiveness, but most of them said they were not convinced that the job required new money.

The meeting had been hilled for months as a

jobs summit because of concern about the Community's entrenched unemployment, now at a postwar high of 17.5 million, or more than 10 percent, and rising.

Prime Minister John Major of Britain said.

the idea was out of step with government attempts to cut their deficits as the basis for restoring sustainable growth, a policy that the plan also supports.

"It would be absurd for the commission to

increase its borrowing when member states are taking severe action to reduce theirs." be said.

The originator of the program is Jacques Delors, the head of the EC Commission, whose term runs out at the end of next year and who appears to have staked much of his political reputation on the outcome of the debate. The leaders also showed little enthusiasm for

making any concrete commitment to embark on the projects or carry out other planks in the

President François Mitterrand of France, a staunch supporter who first floated the idea of a big borrowing program earlier this year, urged his partners to give Europe's jobless "a signal of hope" by setting a firm and early deadline for governments to come forward with their infra-

structure projects. But a commission official said the final communiqué to be issued Saturday at the end of the two-day summit meeting probably would commit the leaders only to reviewing the idea at the next regular meeting, which is to be held in

Greece in June. At a breakfast meeting with Mr. Major, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France received a signal that London would not block French demands for cash compensation for its farmers in return for supporting a global trade agreement. A spokesman for Mr. Major said Britain was opposed only to an increase in the

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'Grave Step,' China Says, as Patten Submits Reforms

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - Defying China, Governor Chris Patten on Friday sent a democratic re-form bill to the Hong Kong legislature, the first formal step toward enactment of measures Beijing rejects as unacceptable.

"We need that legislation by the end of February." Mr. Patten said as he had the proposal published in the official gazette. The Legislative Council, which acts as the colony's parliament, will begin discussions on the measme Wednesday.

The bill is a stripped-down version of the electoral proposals that have mixed Beijing and London in a dispute and greatly unsertied Hong Kong since October 1992. Despite the limited nature of the bill. Mr. Patten's action drew a sharp rebuke from the

"This was a grave step taken by the British Hong Kong authorities on the road of confrontation with China," said Zhu Yucheng, deputy director of the Xinhua news agency, Beijing's de facto embassy in Hong Kong. "The British side should bear all the consequences arising

The Chinese contend that the reforms violate

agreements Britain made on the return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. Anticipating Britain's decision to act without Anticipating Britain's decision to act without China's consent, Beijing has accelerated its preparations for governing Hong Kong after 1997 — including rapid development of a potentially destabilizing shadow government. Implicit in the preparations is a Chinese threat to uproot the British arrangements.

But foreign and local investors appeared to inner the preparations in British Chinese relations.

ignore Friday's plunge in British-Chinese rela-

The local stock market's Hang Seng index hurst through a critical 10,000 barrier in a fourth consecutive record close that shattered turnover records as well.

"The electoral bill is not going to stop this market," said James Osborn, a director of Baring Securities. There has been a lot of money waiting on

the sidelines for a downturn," Mr. Osborn said of a market-shaking response to Mr. Patten's strategy from Beijing that has yet to material-ize. "When it didn't arise, they came pouring

The bill submitted Friday proposes a one-vote, one-seat format for the 20 seats in the 60member Legislative Council that are chosen by direct election. The legislation also seeks to drop the voting age from 21 to 18 and abolish appointed membership to local municipal government bodies.

In addition, the bill would allow 28 Hong Kong residents who are members of China's parliament, the National People's Congress, to run for elections and hold office in the Legisla-

However, the legislation, which has brought most other British-Chinese diplomatic business to a standstill, sidesteps the most controversial aspects of a package of electoral reforms first proposed by Mr. Patten last year.

Hong Kong is now bracing for further Chinese reaction to Britain's brinksmanship and hoping that Beijing maintains its much repeated stance that it wants to preserve Hong Kong's "stability and prosperity."

"Their line has been fairly low key so far," said Bob Broadfoot of Political and Economic Risk Consultancy in Hong Kong.

"I don't think they will make a big deal out of it," he said. "They've made their position clear. They will overturn any measures which they

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availability of this equipment is in a state of

flux" and said the administration could change its position if conditions warranted.

come final Jan. 9, two days before President Bill Clinton is scheduled to meet with Presi-

dent Boris N. Yeltsin in Moscow.

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However, the decision is scheduled to be-

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U.S. to Drop a Cold War Export Ban In a letter to AT&T, Assistant Commerce Secretary Sue Eckert cautioned. "You should be aware that the situation regarding foreign

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Commerce Department opened the door Friday to U.S. export of fiber-optic transmission technology to China and the former Soviet Union. The preliminary decision to lift the Cold

War ban was in response to a petition by American Telephone & Telegraph arguing that unrestricted foreign competitors were gaining huge advantages in potentially hucra-TODAY



through the ski season, the Herald Tribune presents up-to-date reports on conditions at the leading European and American resorts. Page 24.

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The United States is the next stop on Potricia Wells's tour to rate the world's top restourants. The third monthly report in this series by the Trib's restaurant critic will appear on Mondoy.

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With Burst of Power, Fusion's on Its Way By Boyce Rensberger

Washington Post Service
PRINCETON, New Jersey — The long-repeated promise of abundant and clean electrical power from controlled nuclear fusion — the same process that drives the sun -took a large step toward reality here as scientists achieved a world record in the amount of power produced

in a fusion reactor. Physicists at Princeton University's Plasma Physics Laboratory fired up their \$1.4 billion test reactor with significant quantities of a fuel that had never before been used in such high concentrations. They produced at least 3 million watts of power in a single burst.

The previous record was 1.7 million warts, produced by a European fusion reactor. Over the next few months, the Princeton group expects to run its reactor in repeated pulses, ultimately stepping up to 10 million watts.

"We're on our way to achieving the goals of ar warheads. The Princeton lab's goal is to fusion power," the lab's deputy director, Dale reach an output of 5 million watts by the end of M. Meade, said after applanse died down in the this year. That projected output would be 200 reactor's control room during the test on Thurs- times more than the reactor had produced be-

Rosenbluth, the dean of fusion theorists who flew in from his post at the University of from the creation of a practical source of electrical power, which scientists said is not likely trical power, which scientists said is not likely knew this day was going to come, but we always thought it was a long way off."

Previous research on fusion power had used a heavy isotope of hydrogen called deuterium as its sole fuel. But atomic theory had predicted that a reaction between denterium and another hydrogen isotope called tritium should produce far more power. For the first time, researchers were using

substantial amounts of tritium, a radioactive

gas used to enhance the power of thermonucle-

fore and 50 million times as much as early This is an exciting moment," said Marshall fusion reactors achieved in the 1970s. That feat, however, would still be a long way

> to become a reality for at least 40 years. For one thing, the amount of energy consumed to achieve fusion in the Princeton machine would be about six times as much as it produced. Nonetheless, it would be a major milestone in the decades-long attempt to harness the energy of nuclear fusion. Many scientists and engineers have long hoped that the process — which

uses cheap, readily available fuel and creates no See FUSION, Page 7

Major and Reynolds Report Progress on **An Ulster Accord**

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service
BRUSSELS — British and Irish

leaders on Friday discussed the text of a proposed joint statement to encourage peace in Northern Ireland, but said they needed to meet again before Christmas to try to finish it.

Prime Minister John Major of Britain and his Irish counterpart, Alfred Reynolds, met for an hour during a European Community in Brussels and agreed that lower-lev-el officials on both sides bad made progress since the last time the two leaders talked Dec. 3.

In a joint statement made public after their talk, the prime ministers said that they wished "to bring the exercise between the two governments to a successful conclusion" and Loped "to hold a further meeting before Christmas to this end." Irish officials said this could take place in London next week, but

The two governments are trying to agree on a formula encouraging negotiations between parties representing the Irish Republican Army. which draws its support from the Catholic nationalists in the North who oppose British rule, and the Protestant unionists who want to remain part of Britain.

gave no details about Friday's

The statement that the two leaders are trying to agree upon would try to reassure both sides and open

Greek Minister Apologizes for Insulting Bonn

Restors BRUSSELS - The Greek European affairs minister. Theodore Pangalos, apologized to Germany on Friday for calling the country "a giant with bestial force and a child's

The apology was made on the fringes of an EC summit meeting and followed persistent pressure from Germany for Mr. Pangalos to say he was sorry for the remarks made in a public address last month. He met with Foreign Minis-

ter Klaus Kinkel of Germany to lay to rest the insult that dealt a blow to Greek-German relations just over a mouth before Athens was due to take over the EC presidency.

Pangalos expressed his regret for the comments in his speech and stressed his interest in close ecoperation with Germany," a German Foreign Ministry statement said.

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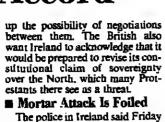
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The police in Ireland said Friday that they believed officers had foiled a planned mortar attack. The Associated Press reported from Dublin, Sources said Northern Ireland security forces were the target. A spokesman for the Irish police said officers discovered four fully primed mortars in a car Thursday night in Letterkenny, County Donegal, 14 miles (22 kilometers) from

point at Strabane. An Irish Army bomb disposal team defused the mortars, the police said.

the Northern Ireland border check-

Security sources believe the IRA was planning a speciacular mortar attack on security forces in Northern Ireland to coincide with the Major-Reynolds meeting.



DAILY BREAD - Georgians handing over food coupons to get their daily bread allotment Friday in the Georgian capital. Thillisi.

To Havel, Acceptance of Gypsies is Litmus Test'

By Henry Kamm

the hardships faced by Eastern Europe's Gypsy populations, like violence against for-eigners, are rooted in the lack of preparation by people to assume the responsibilities of freedom after living under repressive govern-

ments for so long. "I have often compared the condition of our society, of all societies that have rid themselves of communism, to the post-penitentiary condition of someone released from Mr. Havel said recently. "Something I have experienced a number of times

Apparently to help him forget the years he spent in drab prison cells for his dissident activities. Mr. Havel has used startling multicolored postmodern motifs to paint over the Communist staidness of the walls in his stately suite of offices, and has hung many works of current Czech art.

suffers from a kind of shock, which manifests itself in many ways," Mr. Havel said. "It is a sudden change, which brings new freedom and responsibilities, and many find it difficult to cope with them."

tainty, in which they tend to look for pseudo-certainties," he added. "One of those might be submerging themselves in a crowd, a com-munity, and defining themselves in contrast to other communities

Gypsies the targets of vituperation that under the communism could be expressed only in whispers. Three Gypsies have been killed hy skinheads since 1990, the Interior Minis-

about latent social problems and trying to resolve them under communism as well as the absence of freedoms even before communism prevented the creation of true "civil societies," Mr. Havel said. "All this has contributed to the fact that we are now witnessing manifestations of intolerance, xenopho-

While urging "constant and patient efforts to promote a climate of tolerance, coopera-

measures or campaigns that he or the govern-ment of Prime Minister Vaclay Klaus are advancing to reduce tensions.

they and their supporters asserted that the government was doing little to foster the climate that Mr. Havel advocated.

The impossibility of speaking openly distinction between creating democratic institutions and fostering a spirit that would resolve them under communism as well as

The Gypsy problem is a litmus test not of democracy but of a civil society," Mr. Havel said. The two are certainly two sides of the same coin. One is unthinkable without the other. One means legislation to enable the people to vote and make them the source of power. The civil society is related to human

He continued: "I think in the Czech Republic we have created all the basic institutions of democracy — political parties, a parliament, elections. Now much more effort should be focused on building a civil society, to promote a climate that would encourage people to act as citizens in the best sense of the word and drive out manifestations of intolerance even without a threat of repres-

Mr. Havel, without sounding optimistic about achieving this goal, added: This is what I see as the biggest challenge of our

WORLD BRIEFS

Clinton Is 'Aggressively Pursuing' Pact on Korean Nuclear Inspection

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton said Friday that he WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinlon said Friday that he was "aggressively pursuing" an arrangement to allow inspection of North Korean nuclear sites, and he held out hope for an eventual agreement. The president spoke as U.S. and North Korean diplomats were conducting another round of exploratory negotiations in New York.

The meeting between Thomas Hubbard, a State Department expert on East Asia, and North Korean envoys to the United Nations was the occasion for the first official U.S. response to North Korea's proposal last made offering practical increasing at its two most important nuclear

week offering partial inspections at its two most important nuclear

As usual, State Department officials kept details of the talks quiet. Mr. Hubbard had been expected to make clear that the United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency consider the North Korean offer inadequate. But Mr. Hubbard was not to reject it out of hand, officials

Occhetto Questioned at Own Request ROME (Renters) - Achille Oochetto, a possible future Italian leader

after his local election triumph last weekend, was questioned by anticorruption investigators on Friday, his party said.

A spokesman for the former Communist Party, the Democratic Party
of the Left, said Mr. Occhetto had been questioned for two hours in
Milan by Judge Antonio di Pietro, but declined to give further details.

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Party sources said Mr. Occhetto appeared by his own request and without His party, clear winner in mayoral elections this month, has remained

relatively unscathed by a two-year corruption scandal that has devastated Italy's traditional government parties. But there have been frequent allegations that party leaders knew about the widespread practice of businessmen making illegal contributions to secure favors from political

Russia Denies Imposing a NATO Veto MOSCOW (Reuters) — Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev played down a diplomatic standoff with NATO on Friday, denying that Moscow

was trying to impose a veto on East Europeans nations joining the Western alliance. Mr. Kozyrev, speaking after accompanying President Boris N. Yeltsin to Brussels, seat of NATO headquarters, said Moscow had won clear understanding of its view that the time was not right for Russia's East

Enropean neighbors to join the alliance.

"Although we are not imposing a veto and we are not dictating to East European countries what to do, we have our own opinion," he said. In the long term, he added, it was possible that Russia too might eventually join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, against which Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces were ranged throughout decades of the Cold War.

Algerian Hijacker Is Foiled in Nice

NICE (Reuters) — The police overpowered a lone Algerian hijacker who seized a French airliner at knifepoint on Friday and demanded to be flown to Libya, officials said.

Witnesses said the hijacker, Nordine Zaouli, 34, a criminal convicted in France and Algeria and a frequent patient at psychiatric hospitals, was arrested at Nice airport after letting the 123 passengers disembark and being tricked into letting the crew of six slip away. As he emerged from the plane, apparently to negotiate, a policeman crouching in hiding at the top of the steps sent him tumbling with a strong push. More policemen

The bijacker held the two pilots and four cabin staff of the Air France Airbus A-320, on a flight from Paris to Nice, for about 90 minutes. Then one of the crew simulated a fit and the whole crew escaped. Police sources said the hijacker threatened to commit suicide with his knife when he

Colombian Drug Ring Seeking a Deal

BOGOTA (WP) —Leaders of the Cali drug ring, rid of their chief rival, Pablo Escobar Gaviria, have reopened an offensive to negotiate a settlement with the government that would allow them to legalize their drug fortunes and serve a minimum amount of time in prison.

With the police having gunned down the leader of the Medellin cartel in his home city a week ago. Colombian and American officials now face

the larger task of dismantling the dominant, skilled Cali organization. But the government's proposal to settle with members of the Cali cartel, first floated in March, has taken on new life with recent changes in the penal code—approved after open lobbying by lawyers of the cocaine traffickers—and the death of Mr. Escobar. The deal would exchange short prison terms for cartel promises to dismantle operations. The source of the traffickers' massive wealth would not be challenged, in north-central Bosnia were still be-effect making them legitimate businessmen.

A Gambian airbiner collided with a light plane over Senegal's Dakar airport Thursday but landed with its 49 passengers and crew unburt, airport officials said Friday in Dakar. The plane, a Twin Otter, crashed into the sea, killing the three Senegalese aboard. Officials said the airliner was taking off and the smaller plane was landing when they hit. (Reuters)

TRAVEL UPDATE

(Reuters, AP) Eurolines Moves Paris Bus Terminal

PARIS (IHT) - Eurolines, a scheduled international bus service, has opened a new terminal at Begoolet, east of Paris, replacing those at La Villette and Charenton. The site was selected because of easy access to highways and proximity to the center of Paris, to which it is linked by Metro.

The terminal includes a waiting area with electronic arrival and departure boards, and an experimental system for tracking buses by satellite communication. The company said it was planning to expand services to East Europe, Germany and Italy.

ing authorities took over from the construction consortium. This summer, British Rail and France's SNCF will start train services between London

a Christmas good-will gesture, but pledged to resume action to protest government plans to renationalize the city's bus services. Most of the drivers bought their buses in August last year when Conservatives privatized the services. The Socialists plan to reverse this. Under a draft pill the government would buy back 1,700 buses at 500,000 drachmas (\$2,046) each — the amount they were sold for — and set up a new state

New York Times Service

PRAGUE - To President Vaclay Havel.

"A person who was accustomed for many

They find themselves in a state of uncer-

Most Gypsies in the Czech Republic have lost more from the freedom of enterprise and opinions than they have gained. Unemployment among them is many times higher than the rest of the population because their jobs, mainly as unskilled labor, have been eliminated in the campaign to rehabilitate the

At the same time, free speech has made years to living under rigorous rules that pre-vented him from making his own decisions for reasons courts have not determined.

bia, racism and nationalism."

tion and coexistence," he acknowledged that this might prove harder than adopting laws But Mr. Havel did not offer any specific

In interviews here and in the northern Bohemian industrial city of Usti nad Labem. a major center of Gypsy industrial workers,

The president said the Gypsy problem illustrated what he said was the important

Breko on Dec. 3. The Serbs, he

said, were getting 30 percent of all

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sieged Moslem enclaves of Gor-

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In Move to Get Convoys to Muslims, UN Halts Fuel to Serbs Bosnia and 20 more tons to nearby

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The United Nations said Fri- Bill Aikman. day that it was halting all fuel deliveries to Bosnian Serbs until the

through to Muslims. "We are stopping deliveries of the UN Protection Force. Colonel

Despite numerous agreements, Colonel Aikman said, the Bosnian Serbs started letting aid convoys Serbs and the Serbians in the former Yugoslavia are deliberately holding up UN aid convoys. fuel until such time as the situation "Games are being played and they released Friday in Geneva.

is resolved," said a spokesman for are being played by the Bosnian Serb army people and by the Serbs in the former Yugoslavia," he said,

The warring factions and the presidents of Serbia and Croatia Serbs and the Croats. have been invited by mediators to a new round of peace talks in Geneva on Dec. 21, according to statement

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Last week, the first Bosnian peace talks in two months broke up over territorial disputes between the Muslim-led government the

Heavy shelling resumed Friday to Sarajevo. Bosnian radio said government forces had detected Serbian troop movements and expected further attacks.

an Serbs had promised to hold a meeting with UN forces Friday to resolve problems over the convoys, but had canceled it at the last min-

wite.
"We have made a genuine effort to work with the Bosnian Serb army." he said. "We have agreed to provide them with supplies so they can maintain their roads and get fuel deliveries to their hospitals He listed recent deliveries of fuel

onel Alkman said.

to Serb hospitals, including 20 tons to a hospital in Bijeljina in northern

Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said, "If people's lives

weren't at stake it would just be comical right now." "We had hoped to get another

fuel convoy into Sarajevo," be added, but the UN office in Belgrade canceled it because of "further shenanigans hy the Serbs."

Russians Undergoing Major Revival Of Religious Faith, a Report Finds

NEW YORK - A report on religious changes in Russia has put numbers on what was already viewed as an extraordinary revival of faith. The report, made public in Washington by the National Opinion Research Center, found that by 1991 a third of the Russians who once considered themselves atheists had become believers in God.

The report analyzed data collected in May and June 1991, when the Russian Center for Public Opinion Research in Moscow asked a repre-sentative sample of 2,964 Russians to describe both their past and pre-sent religious beliefs and practices.

The 1991 poll showed that al-though only I out of 10 Russians reported having been raised in the Russian Orthodox Church, almost l out of 3 now said they were affili-ated with it. The 1991 data were not available from the Russians for analysis until this year.

Despite assertions that Orthodox officials had supported the Communist government, three out of four Russians expressed "a great deal" of confidence in Orthodox leaders now, the poll found.

widely dismissed as a crackpot, es-

The building of the Channel Tunnel was finished Friday as the operat-

USAir will start nonstop service from Tampa, Florida, to Mexico City on May 1. The carrier will offer vacations of 2 to 21 mights in Mexico City. It said it would publish prices at a later date. Athens bus drivers called a temporary halt to a two-day strike Friday as

RUSSIA: Surge of Support for Opposition Means Hard Times for Yeltsin

influences banned from the country and television anchor jobs restricted to blue-eyed, fair-haired Russians.

In several skillful television ap-pearances and advertisements, Mr. and hoodlums. In Moscow, Mr. Zhirinovsky is

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inovsky's Liberal Democratic Party on Sunday. In interviews outside the huge Volga auto plant and in Samara, his support appeared nearly to rival pers and air waves open to cam-that of the main pro-reformist bloc paign rhetoric as never before, it is

said they would vote for Mr. Zhir-

countries for their economic plight and rail against perceived anti-Russian plots, domestic and foreign. They feel humiliated by the collapse of a once-mighty empire. Their refrain, and that of Mr. Zhirinovsky, is "Russia for the Rus-

But as a presidential candidate in 1990 challenging Mr. Yeltsin, Mr. Zhirinovsky received 6.2 million votes—8 percent of those cast. In blue eyes and fair hair. And this interviews in Samara and Toglistti this week, many industrial workers, can be done fast." With its shades of anti-Semitism engineers and blue-collar workers

In a television appearance on

- which in the past Mr. Zhirinovsky preached openly - and xenophobia, it is an appeal that for centuries has struck a chord with a vocal minority in Russia. But in these elections, with the newspapers and air waves open to came that is being amplified. Mr. sia's aspirations to join the ranks of Zhirinovsky is reaching a nationwide audience, directly and effec-

The state is falling apart," said a 40-year-old machine tool opera-tor in Samara, who said he planned to vote for Mr. Zhirinovsky. "It's a brothel. We need someone who will take a tough approach."

worst case, it could endanger Rusmodern nations. Practically no one interviewed expressed support for the Commu-nist Party, although national polls indicate that it will easily clear the 5

parliament, scheduled to begin its

will be too great to ignore, and that Mr. Yeltsin's hopes for a pro-re-

If the next legislature becomes a

form consensus in the new legisla-

forum for contentious opposition

parties to attack reforms, as the last

parliament became in its final year,

it could isopardize not only Mr.

Yeltsin's plans to restructure the

economy but also his hopes to

build a functioning democracy in

Russia in the near term. In the

ture may not be fully realized.

pecially by the intelligentsia Many Tuesday might, Mr. Zhirinovsky session early next year, will be dominated by extremist nationalpeople in the capital do not regard promised a new information rehim as especially dangerous, if only resurrected, foreign products and gime if be takes power. "Ninety ists and Communists. But there are because they do not take him that percent of all the information on percent of all the information on indications that even if gridlock is our TV channels will be only about averted, the strength of those blocs

Continued from Page 1 who believes, among other things, that the Soviet Union should be

Zhirinovsky has also promised a harsh crackdown against crime and corruption, a pledge that appeals to many Russians who see their society suddenly plagued by profiteers

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in the election, Russia's Choice.

Mr. Zhirinovsky's partisans
blame immigrants and neighboring

percent barrier needed for parties to be sented in the new legislature. Communist Party organizers in the south say their main strength lies in None of this is to say that the central and eastern Russia.

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A Send-Off For Hubble As Repairs Look Good

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HOUSTON - Astronauts sent the Hubble Space Telescope back into orbit on its own Friday after finishing repairs to correct defects that had impeded the operation of the observatory and embarrassed

the U.S. space agency.
Claude Nicollier, a Swiss astronaut, held the 24,000 pound (11,000 kilogram) telescope at the end of a robot arm high above the shuttle's open cargo bay for more than two hours early Friday while controllers made final checks on it and opened its protective aperture

When word finally came from Mission Control in Houston, he released the grip of the robot and set Hubble admit as the space shuttle Endeavour passed over the southern tip of Africa.

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"Houston, we have a good re-lease," the flight commander, Rich-ard Covey, reported moments after he and the co-pilot, Ken Bowersox, fired steering jets to back the shuttle away from the 43-foot-long (13-

meter) telescope. "We have to say that through your superb efforts, you have really shown that NASA can do all that we promised to do and more, and we very much appreciate it," the shuttle communicator in Houston, Susan Helms, radioed back.

A few minutes later, she told the crew that preliminary checks showed the telescope to be in good shape, with none of the pointing and guidance difficulties it suffered after it was sent aloft more than three years ago.

Three hours later, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore called to congramlate the sevco-member crew on what Mr. Clinton called "one of the most spectacular space missions in our history."
"We're all so proud of you," Mr.

Clinton said. inton said.
"I want to thank each and every one of you for what you've done," he said. "You made it look easy." Mr. Covey replied: "As you know, great adventures are oncein-a-lifetime opportunities, and the seven of us were lucky to be able to

be part of this great adventure.". In a grueling series of spacewalks, F. Story Musgrave, Jeffrey A. Hoffman, Thomas D. Akers and Kathryn C. Thornton replaced solar panels that supply power to the immanied telescope's scientific instranteurs. Vibrations of the original panels had setfolish upset the telescope's observations.

They also fixed Hubble's pointing system and main computer, and added a system of coin-sized mirrors that will compensate for focusling errors in telescope's improperly ground primary mirror.

The telescope's defects became a public relations blow for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It will be some time before the agency knows whether the repairs have restored Hubble to

its full capabilities.

Launched from Florida on Dec. 2. Endeavour is due back on Earth

before dawn Monday.

Mr. Nicollier was to have returned Hubble to its 370-mile-high (600-kilometer) orbit shortly after 0700 GMT but was required to wait more than three hours.

Engineers at a telescope control center in Maryland needed the extra time to solve a problem with a data interface unit that transfers information between Hubble's central timer and its science instru-

Scientists plan immediately to begin several months of tests that will reveal whether the repairs re-stored full capabilities to the telescope. The tests include trial anderror adjustments of the corrective

The first image from the refurbished telescope is expected in

about eight weeks.

The space agency, which sent Hubble aloft in 1990, and it expected the telescope now could fulfill its mission to help determine the age of the universe. (Reuters, AP)

Suicide Advocate Goes To Court in Wheelchair

Agence France-Presse ROYAL OAK, Michigan Jack Kevorkian, the suicide advo-cate, was brought into court in a wheelchair on Friday to face charges that he helped an elderly man commit suicide. Dr. Kevorkian, 65, has refused to

By William Bonner, publisher, Internstitional Living, past your gardener who is busily pruning the lemon, cherry and figures. amidst the aplendour of gardenias, hibiscus, and hollybacka.

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The store in Long Beach, California, where Mr. Ferguson reportedly got his semiautomatic weapon.

• A National Guard tunker plane caught fire and exploded on the ground at Milwaukee's international airport, killing six ground crew members, a Guard spokesman said.

the publisher of USA Today, accusing the newspaper of infringing on the civil rights leader's "I Have A Dream" speech by publishing the complete text in August on the 30th anniversary of the address.

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How Anger Consumed an Immigrant

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NEW YORK - Colin Ferguson once was married and employed. living out his version of the immigrant's dream in Long Island. He was courteous and articulate, a student of the Bible who made the dean's list at Nassau County Community College.

But in the last four years - until three terrifying mioutes on Tues-day night when 23 people were shot, five fatally, on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train - Mr. Ferguson's world slowly unraveled. according to acquaintances and law-enforcement officials.

His marriage failed, and he lost his job. He injured his back and was suspended from Adelphi University, to which he had transferred from community college to study husiness administration. Oo a New York subway car, he argueó loudly and abusively with a white woman, later writing the city's police commissioner to complain of what he termed "racist" treatment by Transit Authority policemen.

He had immigrated from Kingsnished \$175-a-month room in a Brooklyn boarding house. Some-times, he walked to a nearhy pay phone to pester government agencies about a workers' compensatioo

Last spring, he went to Loog from Adelphi University after a se-

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and he was interpreting everything come enraged, hurling abuse at Mr. in the world as against him."

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Standing outside the small flagstone house in the Flathush section

Asian origin were killed. "He fits the classic stereotype of the mass murderer," said Ken Tar-diff, a psychiatrist at New York cold" personality. The men, both of University Hospital. "He was a whom are black, would argue about loner. He had deep resentments, race, and Mr. Ferguson would be-

Mr. Ferguson, 35, made no secret of what he interpreted as part ton, Jamaica, in 1982, and hy last of a conspiracy against him. In his year was living in a sparsely furpocket, as he boarded the train in Queens, he carried a four-page list of names and numbers referring to three events in the last four years that had become his private obses-

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Beach. California, looking for a joh ties of shouting matches with facul-but became convinced that there ty and fellow students. There was as if nothing had happened. were no opportunities for black the workers' compensation claim filed in 1989 after he fell off a stool He bought a gun in California at a hurglar-alarm manufacturing then returned to his room in Brook-company on Loog Island. And lyn to sit alone, praying aloud from there was a February 1992 run-in the Bible, shouting to himself about on the suhway with what he called "Unele Tom Negroes" — as he put in his notes "the filthy Caucasian

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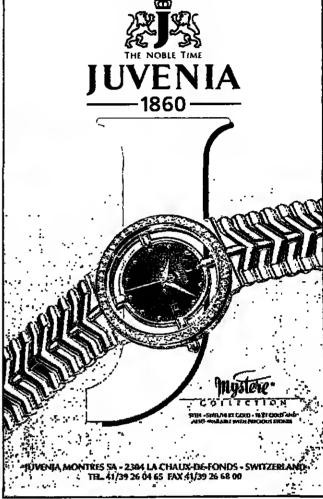
> of Brooklyn, where he and Mr. Fergusoo lived for the last two years. Patrick Denis. 29, described what

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Colin Moore, a prominent Brooklyn civil-rights lawyer, to represent him in a suit against Adelphi that claimed his suspension was racially motivated. Mr. Moore said that he was too busy and that the two parted amicahly. But three months ago, Mr. Ferguson suddenly called Mr. Moore three or four times to complain that the lawver had poisoned the minds of other lawyers against Mr. Ferguson.

"I became aware that there was something wrong." Mr. Moore said. "He began to confuse reality and unreality. He was very upset and very agitated. The person I spoke to three mooths ago was not the person I spoke to two years

Many of those who dealt with Mr. Ferguson in recent months spoke of a man whose battles with the system and feeling of racial iojustice had begun to consume



weeks, was announced by Attorney General Janet Reno,

Americans Back Tighter Gun Laws

WASHINGTON — By a 2-to-1 margin, Americans back President Bill Clinton's vow to challenge the National Rifle Association and seek tighter gun control laws, according to a new Times Mirror poll.

The poll also found that by a margin of 57 percent to 29 percent, the public approved of the way that Mr. Clinton has handled the issue of controlling handgms. The results are based on a survey conducted Dec. 2-5, immediately after the president signed the Brady Bill, which requires a five-day waiting period on handgun purchases. The bill will become law in time months.

Mr. Clinton strongly supported the Brady Bill, which had been opposed by Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush and by most Republicans in Congress. But he stressed that it is only a first step in tightening regula-tions. Gun violence, he said, has become so serious that he is now considering a much broader range of options, including national standards for state registration laws. President Clinton said Friday that he was "committed to going further" on gun control. "We have to figure out

exactly what to do and in what order," he said. His administration has given tentative support to a proposal to require that all gun owners be licensed. The plan, the details of which will not be settled for many

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Away From Politics

• A blind woman was ordered admitted to the medical school at Case Western Reserve Universi-

ty in Cleveland. A Common Pleas Court judge ruled that the university relied on biases and misconceptions in rejecting the application of Cheryl Fischer, 29, of Cleveland.

A man who once worked with a suspect in the

World Trade Center bombing identified his co-worker's voice as the one that claimed responsibil-

ity for the blast in a telephone call to a New York newspaper. Scan O'Leary testified that the voice

on the taped call a day after the Feb. 26 bombing was that of one of the defendants in the trial, Nidal

A. Ayyad, 26, of Maplewood. New Jersey.

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who had been ordered by Mr. Clinton to study the idea. only on Wednesday. Public opinioo to put guns under further restrictions has been growing steadily in recent months, and a CBS

poll earlier this week showed that Americans were evenly split, 49 percent to 49 percent, on the issue of banning all handguns except those issued to law enforcement officers.

No More Perot? Don't Count On It

WASHINGTON - In a warning to the political world not to count him out, Ross Perot says he expects to keep himself as visible as ever oext year, making it clear that President Clintoo's health-care proposal may be a major

Even after he said he had oot decided whether he would support any of the various health proposals that have been floated, Mr. Perot immediately began criticizing the administration's package.
"The real question everyone has about the Clinton plan

Can we afford it?" Mr. Perot said in a lelephone interview from his office in Dallas. "Based on everything I've read and everything I've heard, everybody seems to concur that the financial side of it is soft."

• Twenty New York City employees, members of a unit created to prevent theits from parking meters, have been charged with stealing \$1 million from the meters during the last two years. Investigators

said the employees - a third of the staff of the

agency that collects money from city meters - had

• The rock band Dead German Tourist gave a

concert on a Miami radio station that began with

an obscene greeting to a German television crew and other critics. After a public outery, the Hard Rock Cafe in Miami canceled its plan to host the

concert, citing the offensive nature of the band's name. Several Germans were among the foreign

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tourists killed in Florida this year.

each plundered up to \$1,500 a day in coins.

Mr. Perot, who had commented very little about health care in recent months, said the issue would be important in next year's mid-term elections and was more relevant to volers than was the North American Free Trade Agreement, which he fought a fierce, bot unsuccessful, battle to defeat. He said he expected to divide his time oext year between the health-care effon and promoting the initiatives for a government overhaul that he pressed in his campaign for president last year.

Public opinion surveys have found that Mr. Perot's popularity suffered greatly after his debate with Vice President Al Gore over NAFTA, the agreement setting up free trade among the United States, Canada and Mexico. His favorable rating dropped to 24 percent in a New York Times/CBS News Poll conducted Nov. 11-Nov. 14, down from 34 percent a month earlier.

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Health and Humans Services Secretary Donna Shalala after a suggestion by the surgeon-general, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, that the government study the legalization of drugs: "Legalization is an open invitation for people to destroy their lives."

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In Developing a Gas-Electric Car, Ford Is Aiming for a Better Idea

A hybrid car with both an electric motor and a gasoline engine is being jointly developed by Ford Motor Co, and the U.S. Energy Department, the Los Angeles Times reports. This is an outgrowth of the agreement announced in September between the federal government and the automobile industry to develop a "supercar" that would use far less fuel and cause far less less pollution.

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Hybrid cars have a greater range than electric vehicles, which now can go only about 100 miles (160 kilometers) without a recharge. While not as clean as electric vehicles, hybrids have better fuel economy and — obviously — lower noxious emissions than cars powered only by gasoline.

In one configuration, a small, inexpensive gasoline eogine would be an auxiliary to the electric motor, so a car could "limp home" when the batteries ran down.

In another, both power sources would be equal. Electricity could power the from wheels and gasoline the back wheels; the motors could be used simultaneously or independently. Or each motor could power all four wheels, and the motors could

run in tandem or separately.

Technical hurdles remain. But Bradford Bates, head of Ford's hybrid research, says, "It's certainly

New York Times Edited by Will Shortz.

possible that we could have hybrid vehicles on the road in five to 10 years."

Short Takes

For the first time, a majority of Rhodes scholars from the United States are women. Of the 32 chosen to attend Oxford University next fall, 17 are female. Women became eligible for the scholarships in 1976. Harvard led this year's winners with five. Next came Rutgers in New Jersey with two and 25 other institu-tions with one Rhodes scholar each.

By early 1995, the National Park Service plans to open Steamtown in an old railroad yard in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as a museum-park dedicated to the history and development of the steam locomotive. It will cost the taxpayers at least the \$66 million

already appropriated by Congress. "It opens a window on the past," says Representative Joseph M. McDade, Republican of Pennsylvania. Not for Jack White, former transportation curator at the Smithsonian Institution and Steamtown's most implacable

The Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washingto has paid posthumous tribute to Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist and Nazi Party member who saved the lives of 1,300 Jews in the Holocaust by employing them in his factories. The Medal of Republication of the property of the proper membrance was presented to his widow, Emilie, 84. Next year Steven Spielberg, who produced the films "E.T." and "Jurassic Park," will release "Schindler's List," based on the nonfiction novel of the same name by Thomas Kencally.

Arthur Highee

Brazil Looks for 'the Bottom'

Marathon Corruption Inquiry Seen as Test of Democracy

pected of involvement, including a former president and two of the

most respected and outspoken

style corruption investigation," he said. "We have to deal with this

now or face serious consequences."

in the capital, Brasilia, congressio-nal investigators have discovered

evidence of corruption that has

At boisterous marathon sessions

Explosion Risk Seen At Nuclear Plants

By Matthew L. Wald New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Eleven nuclear
processing factories in six states
may be vulnerable to the same kind of chemical explosion that caused radioactive contamination in a

wide area around a Russian plant last April, according to a report by the staff of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. uranium and other materials in

been investigating safety at the nu-clear weapons plants for several

with private jets and huge land In the past, engineers working for the contractors who run the

The staff of the committee stopped short of saying for certain that there is a risk, because the contents of the American tanks, especially waste tanks, are so poor-

rule. Politicians Isundered bribes the buildup of hydrogen, a gas that can burn or explode.

The report was made public in Washington, but because the Senate is in recess, the committee has

The committee's staff found a risk at Hanford, which has several factories; at the Savannah River Site, in South Carolina; at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, at Los Alamos National Laboratory, in New Mex-ico; at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory near Idaho Springs; and at the Portsmouth Gaseous

The first five are involved in bomb manufacturing, but the last is where different types of uranium are sorted for use in reactors, inchoding civilian power plants.

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leaders in the fight to impeach Mr. "This is the most important epi-sode in the recent history of the country," said the president of the Brazilian Institute of Political

Brazil's Congress sniffing out new corruption allegations almost dai-ly, many Brazilians say they are now convinced that the latest political crisis is a make-or-break episode for their 8-year-old experi-Studies, Waldir de Goes. ment with democracy.

In a month and a half of hear-"This is only the beginning of what will become in the coming years an almost endless, Italian-

ings a joint congressional investigating committee has collected evidence of widespread bribery, money laundering, budget fixing and even murder. The evidence links the country's most powerful politicians and business leaders in schemes that have defranded the state of as yet uncounted billions over two decades.

By Jeb Blount

Washington Past Service
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The scale of the investigation is going to change the way Brazilians look at government," said Senator Amir Lando, a committee investigator. "We are finally getting to the bottom of this country's corrup-

Ex-Stasi Chief to Stay In Prison Despite Age

The Associated Press BERLIN - Erich Mielke, the former No. 2 official in the East German Communist regime, will have to stay in prison despite claims that he is in declining health, Berlin's Constitutional Court roled

Priday, Mr. Mielke, 85, who cace headed Berlin police officers in the 1930s. tion.

The April explosion, which con-terminated nearly 130 square kilometers (50 square miles) around the Siberian city of Tomsk-7, involved chemical compounds that are used in U.S. plants run by the Depart-

ment of Energy, according to the At most of those plants, plutoni-um for bombs is separated from

processing tanks. "The potential risk here in the United States is real and wide-spread at several DOE plants," said Senator John Glenn of Ohio, chairman of the committee, which has

The Energy Department had no

Also, according to the testimony, hundreds of public works projects worth billions of dollars are acconplants have raised the possibility of such explosions in processing tanks, but the department has not been able to say how big the risk would be.

Other tanks are believed to be in danger of exploding because of a different type of organic chemicals, ferrocyanides,

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Christopher, in Symbolic Visit, Meets With Arafat in Tunis

Talks Cover Economic Reality of Self-Rule

By John M. Goshko

Washington Post Service
TUNIS — Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher on Friday became the first top-level American official to call on Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, at the Tunis headquarters from which the PLO has operated since Israeli troops drove it from Lebanon a decade

Mr. Christopher, who also conferred with Mr. Arafat in Amman, Jordan, on Monday, stopped here en route home from Jerusalem to convey a message from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel Mr. Christopher said Mr. Rabin

had asked him to say that he looked

on Simday, when they will try to important largely as a symbolic exresolve the problems impeding the pression of the epochal change that scheduled Israeli withdrawal from has taken place in the relations be-

very important for the two leaders to work out their differences and move forward to put into effect the Israeli-PLO agreement signed at the White House on Sept. 13. But he also made clear at his

Amman meeting with Mr. Arafat that the Clinton administration thought Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization should work out their problems without to Palestinian self-rule. depending on the United States to

Thus, his visit on Friday was

ISRAEL: 3 Palestinians Killed

Continued from Page 1

pid, and his son, Shalom, were killed by Palestinian gunmen who sprayed their van with bullets. On Thursday, a Palestinian farmer was shot in his field near the Jewish settlement of Shiloh, and two Jewish settlers, one a minor, were ar-

The ambush on Friday took the lives of two brothers and a cousin from the village of Tarquime, near Hebron. Arab reports said they were returning home from work in Israel in a station wagon when set-tlers in a car with Israeli license plates opened fire, killing all three. Witnesses said they were shot at close range. The army set up roadblocks and began searching for the

attackers. Israeli radio said a caller who identified himself only as Ronen asserted that the attack was to avenge the killing of Mr. Lapid and his son near Hebron. Television reports said the militant, ultranationalist Kach movement took responsibility for the triple murder.

The radio said rioting broke out in Tarquima and nearby Beit Ula. The killings brought to 38 the number of Palestinians killed since the ber of Palestinians killed since the that she would not accept any post announcement of the peace accord in the new Palestinian government in September, and 18 Jews have 'marked a major break from the

died in the same period.

In the interview Friday night, which was taped before the Hebron killings, Mr. Rabin acknowledged that a surge of violence had eroded public support for the peace accord. "I'm not blind," he said.

Mr. Rabin noted that the militant Palestinian groups like Hamas the West Bank.

has taken place in the relations bethe Gaza Strip and Jericho on tween the United States and an Monday.

Mr. Christopher emphasized shunned as terrorist.

When the meeting that the United States considered it organization that Washington long When the meeting began at a heavily guarded villa in a residen-

Christopher said, amending his

tial quarter of Tunis, Mr. Christo-

pher greeted Mr. Arafat by saying. "It's wonderful to see you at your

"A short period only," Mr. Ara-

fat replied. "Next time in Jericho."

Mr. Arafat has said he will move to

that West Bank city once Israeli troops have left and turned it over

"Interim headquarters," Mr.

American officials accompany-

ing Mr. Christopher said later that

most of the hourlong session was

devoted to discussing the financial

and administrative structures being prepared by the PLO for Palestin-

ian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho.

Amman, American officials are

known to have felt that Mr. Arafat

spent most of his time on dramatic-

sounding political oratory and

seemed reluctant to heed American

warnings that the autonomy ex-

periment would not attract outside financial help unless more time was devoted to institutional planning.

But a senior American official

said after the meeting Friday that

the warnings given to Mr. Arafat in Amman seemed to have had an effect and that he and his senior

advisers seemed more engaged in

addressing the formidable econom-

week is reassuring," the official

said. "There has been movement."
He added that the Palestinians

were clearly trying very hard to make antonomy work.

What we've heard in the last

ic problems that they will face.

At the meeting on Monday in

headquarters in Tunis.

singling out Israeli settlers instead of soldiers in hopes of sinking the Sept. 13 accord. "If we don't find a political solution between us and the PLO that will begin to calm down, and create a different atmosphere between us and the Palestinians," Mr. Rabin said, then we'll find ourselves in a process of the Palestinian public being taken over by Hamas. And we've seen that fanatic religious ex-

nationalism makes an even more severe terrorism." "The government as a whole will do its best to insure their security but there is no hermetic security there never was, and there never will be," he said. "But it's their right to continue to live their lives

tremism together with Palestinian

in their settlements." Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, remming from a meeting with Mr. Arafat in Spain, said any delays beyond the Monday deadline would not be significant. "I think we are all interested that on Dec. 13 there will be a real feeling that the process is started," he said.

Mrs. Ashrawi's announcement leadership. Ever since the Madrid peace conference, Mrs. Ashrawi has been associated with a group of Palestmians from the territories who led the peace talks with Israel, including Faisal Husseini, who last week was named the leader of El Fatah, the largest PLO faction, in

PRIZE: Ex-Rivals Honored in Oslo

haired Mr. Mandela finally stepped ple across the globe" who helped.

out of jail. The ANC leader was acknowledged throughout the world as spokesman for the oppressed black majority.
The Norwegian Nobel Commit-

tee has a tradition of recognizing the contributions of both sides in peace talks, whether it is Victnam or the Middle East. In three days of meetings, press conferences and banquets in Oslo, the theme was emphasized that it takes two to end

In introducing the speakers on Friday, Francis Sejersted, chair-man of the committee, said, "The two prize winners, from their highly disparate points of departure, the one from the side of the oppres sors and the other from the side of the oppressed, have taken initia-tives to break the vicious circle that

tives to break the victions circle that
their country was caught up in."
Mr. Mandela himself was magnanimous in praising Mr. de Klerk
as someone who "had the courage
to admit that a terrible wrong had
been done to our country and peopie" through apartheid and who
had "the foresight" to understand; that all the people, as equals, must determine the future.

The two presented different views on how minority white rule

was brought down. For Mr. Mandela, who cited the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. as an inspira-tion, it was because of "the millions of our people who dared to rise up against a social system whose very essence is war, violence, racism, op-pression, repression and the impov-erishment of the entire people."

senerated, in particular the movement of millions of people into the cities and "the exposure to reali-ties" brought by television and ra-

But the single most important factor, he said, was "a fundamental change of heart," which he said had "occurred on both sides."

Mr. de Klerk noted that despite the progress, violence was continuing and some 3,000 people had been killed this year alone. Mr. Mandela warned that there could still be trouble ahead.

There are still some within ou country who wrongly believe they can make a contribution to the cause of justice and peace by cling-ing to the shibboleths that have been proved to spell nothing but disaster," he said.

But for the most part, the two speakers were upbeat. Mr. de Klerk said that what is taking place in South Africa now could unlock the potential of sub-Saharan Africa and contribute to world peace. Quoting from an Afrikaner poet, he said it could "lift us out of the silent grief of our past."

Mr. Mandela said that "joyful peace" would triumph "because the common humanity that bonds both black and white into one human race, will have said to each one of us that we shall all live like the children of paradise."

Daisy Adams, 113, Dies, **Was the Oldest Briton**

CHURCH GRESLEY, England — Daisy Adams, Britain's oldest person, died at a nursing home Wednesday. She was 113 years old.

Mrs. Adams was born in 1880, before the car and the telephone. The daughter of a lay preacher, Mrs. Adams had to raise her five children alone after her husband was killed on the first day of the

Battle of the Somme in 1916. The longevity of the nonsmoking, charchening tectotaler was a result of a simple life, Mrs. Adams's family said.

Her place as the country's oldest surviving person is taken by Rebec-ca Hewison, 112, of Granisby. She will have to live three more years to overtake Britam's oldest person ever, according to the Guianess Book of Records. That record belongs to Charlotte Hughes of Redcar, who died earlier this year aged 115 years 229 days:

Ayatollah Goinaygani, 98, Critic of Ayatollah Khomeini NICOSIA (AP) — Grand Aya- prolonged illness.

tollah Mohammed Reza Golpaygami, 98, a pre-eminent spiritual leader among Shiite Muslims, died Thursday in Tehran of a hmg dis-

ease.
Ayatollah Golpaygani was a fre-quent critic of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, patriarch of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution. He. opposed the takeover and redistribution of land during the Khomeini era and their followers clashed in several

But Ayatollah Golpaygani was considered to be close to Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, Ayatollah Khomeini's successor as Iran's

spiritual leader. Dhamitlal Senskumar Jayasun-dera, 56, chairman of Hayleys Ltd. one of Sri Lanka's biggest companies, died of a heart attack while on vacation in Australia, company sources said Thursday.

Anders Franzen. 75, the pioneer ing marine archaeologist who located the 17th-century warship Vasa at the bottom of Stockholm harbor, died Wednesday after



ATTACK ON CAIRO THEATER - Security officers outside a Cairo movie theater that was attacked by gunmen believed to be Islamic militants. They killed one person and wounded six.

ALGIERS - The exodus of foreigners fleeing death threats from Islamic militants accelerated Friday after Russia, the United States. Germany and France moved to reduce the number of their nationals

in Algeria.

Airlines said flights to Europe were fully booked until Jan. 10. with many foreigners, notably French, planning to leave the country after the start of Christmas school vacation on Dec. 15.

The U.S. State Department urged Americans late Thursday to leave Algeria unless they had compelling reasons to stay, and said the U.S. Embassy staff was being cut to a minimum for security reasons. It also warned Americans not to trav-

A German Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday in Bonn hat many embassy personnel had already left and that Germany was considering further staff reductions at its embassy in Algiers. The Foreign Ministry said about

1,000 German nationals lived in Algeria. Bonn warned Germans on Monday not to travel to Algeria. Russia also announced Thursday that it was evacuating the families of its embassy and trade center staff. France, the former colonial

power, said it was cutting back on its 600 government personnel here. Even before the official moves. foreigners had begun leaving the country since Islamic militants began targeting foreigners three months ago. The militants seek to overshrow the government and set up a fundamentalist state.

Eleven foreigners have been killed since September; of these four have been killed since Dec. 1. the date the militants gave foreigners to leave the country or face

At least 59 Algerians have also been killed since Dec. 1, prompting

perspective. "I know foreign citizens are affected but a lot of Algerians are also affected." the opposition lead-

er, Said Saadi, said Friday. "It would be preferable that foreign citizens not panic. There is a ttes: risk but it is a manageable risk, he ects added. "One should not play into ncc the hands of this blackmail by vio-

In the last year, the United States has repairiated the families of some diplomats and closed the American school and the consulate in Oran. But the American Cultural Center, which is in the relatively well-

protected Hydra district of the capital, was operating normally. A State Department spokes- e to ing woman said there 440 Americans were registered with the U.S. Embassy who were not connected with the embassy. She declined to say how many diplomats were being ighorith deaner.

withdrawn. Most of the Americans are in the ntal EC oil industry, based in the far south lity. where American companies are 1 to asworking a dozen prospecting con-cessions in the Sahara in cooperation with the Algerian state oil and len-

natural gas company, Sonatrach, eal-France, the most prominent for- im. eign presence here, urged vigilance by its citizens.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Thursday that a "falling back" ned —rather than a "withdrawal" — of 1 as some French nationals and their children was being planned. Half of the 8,000 recently resident French - those without his- ero torical ties to Algeria - left the country at the beginning of November, according to reliable esti-

mates. A second wave of departures is expected as of Wednesday. French companies here have advised technicians and other staff members not regarded as indis- for pensable to take time off in France while waiting to see how the situa-

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member of Human Rights Watch, stepped onto the plane at Kigali airport at the end of her investigative mission in Rwanda, she saw the government's reputed chief torturer slide up beside the local human rights director, Monique Mujawamariya, on the tarmac and whisper something in her ear. As soon as the plane landed in Europe. Mrs. DeForge called Rwanda to find out what had been said. There was reason to be worried.

Miss Mujawamariya had uncovered proof of summary killings by government troops. She had also witnessed and recorded atrocities committed by soldiers against local people. Her work spurred the Rwanda diplomatic community to intervene with the government to end the slaughter. And her face bears the scars from her work — the results of an "accidental" car crash. "He said if he sees his name in our Human Rights report, I'll be killed," said Miss Mujawamariya. When asked what the organization should do, she said, "Why print it, of course." It did.

Friday morning, as part of the annual Human Rights Day celebration, Miss

As Allison DeForge, an American board Mujawamariya was ooe of a small group that sember of Human Rights Watch, stepped sat for coffee with President Bill Clintoo at the White House. She was being honored not only for her monitoring work in Rwanda but for her human rights activities in Burundi and Zaire as well. In a way she is also a proxy for women and men like herself who live uoprotected in often dangerous places promoting the observance of buman rights against stiff odds. It is their serious and credible reports about communal violence and tyrannical behavior that continue to remind the world that the hlight of human rights violations remains acute, even if geog-raphy and a country's size serve to shield

ahusers from international public scrutiny. When the Washington whirlwind is over, it is back to Kigali for Monique Mujawamariya. Many in Rwanda's official circles will not like it that she was in America. Or that she sat with the president in the White House. But it is important and right that she was among the participants in this day of commemoration. Her presence sends a message — and not just to the government of Rwanda.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Beyond the Brady Bill

Consider some multiple murders, committed over the last few years, and the headlines that might describe them: Deranged Gunman Kills 22 in Killeen, Texas. Deranged Gunman Kills 5 in Stockton. California, Schoolyard. Deranged Gunman Kills 8 in San Francisco Office Tower. And this week: Deranged Gunman Kills 5, Wounds 18 on Commuter Train in Garden City, New York.

Multiple murders by emotionally disturbed gunmen have become more common in America. Incidents in which four or more people are murdered now occur about 30 times a year, according to James Fox of Northeastern University's School of Criminology. A frequent form of mass murder is the "category killing," in which victims are chosen by race. nationality, gender or occupation. The Long Island killings were animated by racial hatred, in addition to mental instability.

But mental instability is only one problem. Another is that just about anyone can buy a gun, along with enough ammunionn to slaughter as many people as time and circumstance permit. Tuesday's lesson is that existing gun control laws, including the recently passed Brady hill, are far from adequate to keep guns out of the hands of murderous people.

The commuter killer, Colin Ferguson, was a former dean's list student who had been suspended from college for disciplinary reasons. Mr. Ferguson's life spiraled steadily downward from there. He ended up bitter and withdrawn, surviving oo odd jobs and becoming ever more obsessed with race.

His 9mm pistol was purchased in Loog Beach, California, nioe mooths ago. Califor-

nia's gun control law requires a California driver's license and a 15-day waiting period before purchase. Mr. Ferguson somehow obtained a California license about two months before he bought the gun. The address on the license was the Long Beach motel where be stayed during the waiting period. After that period he picked up the gun and re-turned to New York. Nine months later be walked methodically through the Long Island train, shooting passengers.

California's law is among the strictest in the nation; its 15-day waiting period is three times that required by the Brady bill. That Mr. Ferguson was able to present himself as a California resident and sit out the waiting period in a local motel is evidence that gun aws everywhere are still inadequate.

President Bill Clinton said that he hoped that New York's tragedy would give more impetus to st: cager gun controls. He also instructed the attorney general to review a useful proposal by the New York City mayorelect, Rudolph Giuliani. It would set up a national uniform licensing system for gun buyers and would include background checks and license renewals every two years.

Mr. Giuliani's proposal is a welcome first step. The president also needs to consider proposals by Representative Charles numer, Democrat of New York, and the lobbying group Handgun Control. Together they would bring manufacturers, importers and dealers under scrutiny. The message of the mass murder in New York is clear: We need to get bandguns off the streets.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Policy by Polls? Why Not?

made some major decisions on his health plan some tax increases this year.

ence at the Americ Enterprise Institute this week. Mr. Greeoberg said that he did some polling to see how Americans would react to a value added tax as a way of paying for universal bealth care. It turned out that they did not like it.

"It was problemade," said Mr. Greenberg. So out it went. It should be added that Mr. Greenberg noted that the administracion's presumption was already against a value added tax before a single respondent was contacted for his poll. There can be little doubt that enemies of the tax were more than happy to have Mr. Greenberg's numbers to confirm what they already knew.

The question is: What is wrong with any of this? If a president wants to pass a universal health care program and wants to minimize the number of people he will alienate by some of the specifics of the program, why not take polls? Nor is Mr. Clinton the first president to watch the numbers. Ronald Reagan, who was once given to assailing Social Security and the progressive income tax as quasi-Marxist in-ventions, discovered that the public rather approved of both and decided that he had other battles to fight. If polls helped push him down that road, good for the polls. Mr. Reagan also knew how to ignore polls, and so does

Now it can be told: President Bill Clintoo Mr. Clinton, who, you will recall, supported

There is a lot of mystification over the polls on the basis of — gulp! — opinion polls.

That is more or less what his pollster. Stan and what they mean. Yes, there are politicians who seem more influenced by the data than by, say, principles. The republic could do with fewer such politicians. There is also a lot of misuse of poll numbers. Interest groups regularly commission polls aimed at "proving" that the public agrees with them - and carefully edit what they ask and what they release. Such polls are best ignored.

But it is bard to have a problem with the use of polls by poliocians who do have public purposes and actually want to get things done. Is there something so terrible about finding out bow the public feels, how far it is willing to go with a given program and which arguments matter most to most people? As often as not, polls overturn preconceptions about the public's alleged prejudices and silence - or at least embarrass - those who falsely claim to be speaking for "the people." Sometimes they provide the very useful information that the public neither knows nor cares much about a given issue that may excite people in the political and commentating classes. So let the good numbers roll. Polls are not in themselves infallible or the whole story: Let politicians use them to help find out oot what they should believe, but what the public actually thinks. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

They Must Push On to Peace

There is bitterness, but no surprise as the war against peace continues to kill many and further threatens the first hig political meeting set for Monday, between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman. The historic handshakes in Washington on Sept. 13 did not consecrate a definitive peace but rather an alliance between the doves of two opposing camps.

The competition to reach the first milestooe within the allotted time is, and has to be, cannot break the habit of fighting. relentless to resolve the many lingering ques-

tions. Relentless also to restore an atmosphere in which one may breathe, although it will be unpossible to extinguish all the fires.

To defer such measures would be to recognize the actions of the enemies of peace as being effective and victorious, not only in this round of negotiations but in those to come. Prolonging the transition gives more space, and time, to those destructive forces - thus increasing the chance of their eventual success. The events of the last few months have shown how many Israelis and Palestinians

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Mideast Peace: A Painful Rethinking on Both Sides

T EL AVIV — The issues of peace in this country go far beyond the arguments over security and other terms that are frus-trating Israeli and Palestinian negotiators and frazzling their anxious American kibitzers.

Not that the issues on the table are trivial. The PLO's Yasser Arafat is under immense pressure to deliver far more immediate political independence and economic benefit than Israel can provide. Israel's Yitzhak Rabin faces a public trembling with rage over Palestinian terrorism, to a point that gives the Likud opposition hope oot of power but at least of slowing the Labor Party's implementation of the peace accord it signed with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Even as Israelis and Palestinians come up on the accord's first checkpoint of Dec. 13—

Monday - when implementation was supposed to begin, they are reaching to funda-mental considerations that can only become more pressing if the accord goes into full

effect as planned on April 13.

Peace can "solve '67," say Asher Susser and his colleagues from the Dayan Center, a

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

university think tank. That is, territory that Arabs lost to Israel in the 1967 war can be traded back for a full peace between israel and the affected Arabs.

But peace cannot "reopen '48." Israel will not permit it to call into question the Zionist enterprise itself — the establishment of the

Jewish state 45 years ago.

Yet the peace Israel is now pursuing is inflicting on it a painful reconsideration of its basic purposes and values. Take the situation of Israel's 850,000 Arab citizens within the pre-1967 borders. Though they have been offered equal legal rights, they have been treated much as second-class citizens. It was practically unavoidable while Israel's security was threatened by its Arab neighbors.

Real peace, if it came, would end the security imperative that has produced restrictions on Israeli Arabs. Increasingly, however, this group does not seek full integration. It wishes not to be "Israelized" but "Palestinized." From being

treated as a religious-cultural minority, it asserts an identity as a national minority. The irony is that just as Israel approaches a point where it might consider full incorporation of its Arab citizens, they start resisting incorporation

into the "Jewish state."

Israel could, of course, integrate its Arab citizens by "de-Zionizing" — abandoning its founding identity as a Jewish state. But this is far too radical for most Israelis. Or it could make itself less of a theocratic state than it is and define itself more as a kind of 19th century

secular nationalist "state for the Jewish peo-ple." This is another twisting path. A further complication: Israel has now recognized the PLO as "representative of the Palestinian people." Yet Israel's Arabs, though they are part of the eatity, are seen neither by Israeli authorities nor by themselves (at least not yet) as within the PLO realm.

Meanwhile, Israeli negotiators have been finding that the PLO is not nearly so representative as Israel might like. In Gaza and the West Bank, Mr. Arafat simply does not speak for major elements among the intifada-hard-

ened young or among residents of the occu-pied territories who believe Mr. Arafat and "Tunis" to be remote and politically suspect.

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This leaves Israelis, supposedly the paragion of democracy in their region, in an embarrassing position. Desperate for a reliable Palestinian interlocution, they condone even as they lament Mr. Arafai's arbitrary and authoritarian ways, complaining not because he is excessively assertive but because he is not assertive enough.

Their enthusiasm for free elections is colored by awareness that in Gaza and the West

oned by awareness that in Gaza and the West Bank, as has already happened in Lebanon, fundamentalists with considerable popular appeal can imm with some hope of success to an ostensibly democratic political process. If this is a strange posture for a country that prides itself on its association with Western iberal democracy, it is one consistent with Israel's decision to test the PLO.

Israelis are just beginning to cope with the fateful implications, for their beliefs as well as for their security, of the choice they have made.

The Washington Post.

To Speed Russian Reform, Ease Up

N EW YORK — Russia's parlia-mentary elections on Sunday hold the promise of a fresh political start — new relacionships between President Boris Yeltsin and the lawmakers, between reformers and conservatives, between Moscow and the periphery. Mr. Yelisin stressed the importance of a strong presidency Thursday in urging the Russian people to support his draft consolution.

Will any of the changes lead to what Russia needs most: a sound and steady program of economic reform? Perhaps, hat only if two other things happen. First, the International Monetary Fund has to relax its insistence on rapid, sweeping market

reforms in exchange for credits. Second, to stabilize reform, Russia must introduce, step by step, a package of feasible measures rooted in market economy thinking.

The shock of sharp cutbacks in the budget deficit and in subsidies to

farms and factories was tried in early 1992. It has not worked - and will not. The economy is in dire straits.

The decline in the gross domestic product in 1992 was 19 percent, the inflation rate was about 2,500 percent and unemployment was a little over I percent of the work force. This year, the deterioration has continued, at more moderate rates. The GDP declined 11 percent in

the first nine months (compared in the 1992 period) and inflation is 20 to 25 percent a month, but the jobless rate has climbed to 3 percent. The bizarre combination of high inflation and a severe decline in the

GDP — stagilation — has sharpened disagreements about what to do. Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin want to create a market economy.

But Mr. Fyodorov wants to raise taxes and dampen inflation by sharply

By Padma Desai

cutting subsidies to failing industries and farms and to consumers, while Mr. Chernomyrdin worries about the impact of such drastic measures on already declining production, factory employment and irving standards.

How can the new parliament and the cabinet resolve this dilemma? The new parliament will favor market reforms. But don't expect legislators to embrace fast-moving changes if sharp reductions in subsidies to factories threaten the jobs of people they represent. Such drastic moves would once again mean deep divisions be-tween the government and parlia-ment, and within the Yeltsin cabinet. And this time, there will be no Com-

munists to blame. The key issue is the rate at which the budget delicit can be cut by controlling the rate of growth of the

money supply.

Inflation needs to be removed from the system by systematically curtailing subsidies to industry, farming and consumers. Factories and farms should learn to swim or sink in the turbulent sea of free markets.

They should borrow from banks at market rates of interest. They should adjust their finances in response to the prices of what they buy and sell, and should lay off workers, junk idle machines and trim inventories.

Why hasn't this marketplace discipline evolved in the past two years? Just look at the problems faced by a factory manager in the military and heavy industries. A great deal of production has to

switch from heavy machines, un-wanted materials and military items to consumer goods - all requiring decisions on which product lines to initiate, machines to retool, oew

technologies to adopt. Should the nuclear submarine factory in Sever-odvinsk start producing oil- and gasdrilling platforms or comm tankers, barges and tugboats? Should the submarine factory in Nizhni Novgorod convert to domestie kettles and irons? And who among the highly trained techni-cians should be laid off?

In the defense industry towns of Arzamas, Chelyabinsk and Krasnoyarsk, where technicians service nuclear warheads and build rockets, cannons, tanks and ships, orders have declined, but workers cannot be laid off because they have nowhere to go. At present, few prices are determined by the market alone. The costs

artificially low by local administra-tions. Profit margins on important raw materials and manufactured goods were capped in January. Oil prices have been decontrolled in small steps, although coal prices were freed from controls in June.

of basic consumer goods are kept

When some prices were cut loose in January 1992, policymakers hoped that before long most prices would be decontrolled. But the picture remains uneven. Russia's oil prices are 30 percent of world prices, but the prices of grain and some machinery are close to international levels.

How can factory managers reason-ably base decisions on prices that are volatile and totally out of line? Under such unpredictable circumstances, it is unfair to insist that every moneylosing factory go out of business.

No major factory has gone bank-rupt because there is neither the will

nor the means to force bankruptcies. There is no central agency to deal with bankruptcies. And there are no qualified judges, no method of independent auditing, no systematic revaluation of



All these constraints, which make it difficult to impose market economy rules, mean that the IMF's required methods of controlling inflation and the budget deficit are unrealistic.
The IMF insisted in 1992 that Russia pare its budget deficit to 5 percent

of the gross domestic product; the actual deficit was 20 percent. The 1993 deficit is likely to exceed 10 percent. The IMF should ease up; this means some subsidies for industrial contents. The percent industrial contents are the contents of the contents

try would continue. Triage would be unavoidable: Some insign industries would get help, others wouldn't. A few managers have begun con-verting their factories. A handful have attracted foreign investment. All need advice.

Private companies around the world can screen industries that deserve assistance and help them restructure. Outside companies that-want or need seed money for this work ought to get it from a privatiza-

tion fund, once the fund is established by the Group of Seven.

A shift by the IMF would make it easier for Mr. Yelfsin and his policy-makers to devise and carry out a cohesive program. And it would minimize the possibility of divisions in the government and feuding between the government and parliament: The Group of Seven dominates the

IMF. Led by President Bill Clinton, the group departed from strict adherence to democratic principles in sup-porting Mr. Yeltsin in his dismissal of the parliament and bloody suppression of the revolt that followed. As the liberalization of prices and privatization goes forward, can't departures from strict market economy

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noons be permitted as well?

The 10 Values That Undergird East Asian Strength and Success

SINGAPORE — In an interesting article, "Greater China Should Think Again About Being So Different" (IHT, Nov. 23), George Hicks complained that most of the values proposed by Asian critics of the West were negative. He concluded by pos-ing a challenge. Can the East offer an alternative vision of the values needed for a better world? Here are 10

such values that East Asia represents. 1) East Asians do not believe in the extreme form of individualism practiced in the West. We agree that every individual is important. However, be or she is oot an isolated being, but a member of a nuclear and extended family, clan, neighborhood, community, nation and state. East Asians believe that whatever they do or say, they must keep in mind the interests of others. Unlike Western society. where an individual puts his interests above all others, in Asian society the

By Tommy Koh

individual tries to balance his interests with those of family and society.

2) East Asians believe in strong families. Divorce rates are much lower than those in the West, and Asians do not, as a rule, abandon their aged parents. They believe that the family is the building block of society.

3) East Asians revere education.

Unlike the West, this is a value held not only by the elite but by all strata of society. Asian mothers would make any sacrifice to help their children excel in school. In Singapore. many parents take leave to help their children prepare for year-end examinations. As a result, Asian students consistently outperform their Western counterparts in mathematics and science. This will give Asia a competitive edge in the 21st century. 4) East Asians believe in the virtues

of saving and frugality. It is no accident that Singapore's saving rate of 46 percent of GNP is the highest in the world or that Taiwan has larger foreign exchange reserves than any other country. East Asians believe, as individuals, families and govern-ments, that they should lead frugal lives and live within their means. This

to consumption, paying "on time" and living under a mountain of debt.

5) East Asians consider hard work a virtue - the chief reason this region is outcompeting Europe.

6) East Asians practice national teamwork. Unions and employers view each other as partners, not class

is better than the Western addiction

enemies. Together, government, business and employees work cooperatively for the good of the nation. This philosophy, combined with the abili-

But drug availability, legal or not, means drug abuse. Abuse of alcohol

destroys homes and lives. Abuse of narcotics does all that and also crowds the jails. Drug addicts do not

mug or steal simply to get money for

a fix. By the thousands, crimes are committed by drug-inflamed ad-dicts. Drugs drive addicts into gu-ters in which they exist by crime.

How many more babies would die

under legalization — battered by drug-maddened parents or born

damaged? How many more Ameri-cans would be killed in accidents

caused by dragged-out drivers?

Money: We would be spending more, on more crime by more ad-

dicts, on care for more Americans

driven into hospitals or the streets.

The way out is to do our weary

best to stop drugs from coming into

the country. The way out is to fight drugs on the streets and in schools.

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Asian development miracle. 7) There is an Asian version of a

social contract between the people and the state. The government will maintain law and order, provide cati-zens with their basic needs for jobs, housing, education and health care. Governments also have an obligation to treat their people with fairness and humanity. In return, citizens are ex-pected to be law-abiding, respect those in authority, work hard, save, and motivate their children to learn and be self-reliant. Most Asian goveriments do not pay unemployment benefits, partly because there is little unemployment and partly to avoid the Western disease of welfarism. Asian governments do not make welfare payments to unmarried women with dependent children because teenage pregnancy and illegitimate birth are, fortunately, rare in Asia.

8) In some Asian countries, gov-

eraments have sought to make every citizen a stakeholder in the country. More than 90 percent of Singaporeans own their own homes. Singapore also has the world's highest percentage of citizens who own shares (50.5) percent, compared to 16.2 percent in Britain, and 11.7 percent in the United States). Each year, employees in the private and public sectors received a performance-based bonus. This year, for example, every public-sector employee in Singapore will receive three and a half months salary as because Some complement to the months. bonus. Some employees in the private sector will receive even more. In these ways, we try to build communitarian

9) East Asians want their govern-ments to maintain a morally whole-

ty to forge national consensus, is one some environment in which to bring up their children. A recent survey found that most Singaporeans do not want magazines such as Playboy to circulate in the country. Recently, the democratically elected government in Scoul refused to allow Michael Jack-son to perform in South Korea. There is no reason Asians must adopt the Western view that pornography, ob-scenity, lewd language and behavior, and attacks on religion are protected by the right of free speech.

10) Good governments in East Asia want a free press but, unlike the

West, they do not believe that such freedom is an absolute right. We do not want our press to be mere mouthpieces of government. Yet we believe that the press must act responsibly. For example, it has no right to insti-gate trouble between racial, religious or linguistic groups, or between countries. We also insist that the press should give those whom it has at-tacked the right to reply.

Taken together, these 10 values form a framework that has enabled

societies in East Asia to achieve economic prosperity, progress, harmoni-ous relations between citizens, and law and order (Singapore and Tokyo are the two safest cities in the world). For generations, Asians have learned from the West, and we continue to do so. I hope the time has

willing to learn from the East. The writer, a former Singapore am-bassador to the United States who is now director of the Institute of Policy Studies in Singapore, contributed this personal Comments to the Institute of the

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Herald Tribune.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: History Ablaze

BRUSSELS - A terrible fire broke out at two o'clock this morning [Dec. 10] at large corn and wheat warehouses on the Scheldt embankment, Antwerp. It has destroyed about 6,000,000 fr. worth of corn, grain and wheat, besides the building many control of the schedule. ing, which is none other than the famous Hanseatic House built in the sixteenth century, and constituting a precious historical relic, having been also occupied and garrisoned by Napoleon in 1794. The whole of the Antwerp corn trade is struck with consternation.

1918: Suffrage Delayed DES MOINES, Iowa — Woman Suffrage in Iowa has been delayed four-years on account of alleged careless-ness in the Scoretary of State's office. A suffrage amendment passed the last Legislature and was to have come

tary's cierical force failed to have the notice published three months prior to the elections. As a result, the entire procedure has been invalidated and another amendment will have to be voted upon two years hence.

1943: Moscow Backs Tito

LONDON - [From our New York edition:] The Turkish radio said today [Dec. 12] that the Soviet govern-ment had decided to recognize Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Partisan government as the legal representa-tive of that country instead of King Peter Il's regime, The Turkish broadcast came amid increasing signs of British and American aid to the Partisan leader, already the re-cipient of the bulk of the Allied supplies going into Yugoslavia.

Marshal Tito's army, which has breasted for a week the full shock of a strong German offensive, was re-ported holding firm in the most im-portant area of Slovenia athwart the before the coming legislative assembly this winter, but the State Secretary a Figure Triesic supply line.

Giving In Won't Make Drugs Go Away

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — The surgeon general of the United States is giving the cause of narcotics legalizatioo its biggest boost ever in America. Dr. Joycelyn Elders thinks that legalization of narcotics would reduce crime. She wants "studies" to be made of the idea.

"Studies" is a pretty word for the road to legalization. The only further study with any meaning would be to see how it works in the United States — buying, selling and using narcotics, openly, without penalty. Maybe her home state of Arkansas might volunteer. Or maybe Arkansans and other sensible Ameri-cans will decide instead that her naiveté, at best, about drug legaliza-tion makes her unfit to be chief medical officer of the United States. Bill Clinton made ber state direc-

tor of health while he was governor of Arkansas. As president he made her surgeon general. The White House says the president is still against legalization, but that Dr. Elders is an outspoken sort

who can be expected to pop out with ideas of her own. But didn't they ever talk about drugs, Mr. Clinton and Dr. Elders, those years in Arkansas when she was state health director? Or when she was considered for surgeon general, did anybody at all probe into her attitudes about drug control or drug surrender?

Morally, legalization is a bottom-line approach to drug abuse: Fight-ing drugs is difficult and expensive.

Crime will decrease because drug

gangs will go out of business and

we are losing so let's give in. If THEY want to use drugs, save money and trouble by letting them.

the stuff will be so cheap and available everywhere that addicts will not have to steal or mug to get it.
The bottom-line attitude is callous to the point of cruelty. It also won't work. It is based on igno-rance or distortion of drug realities. The drug war is not won but it has

paid off. Heroin addiction has been stable at about a half-million since 1972. Legalization would have brought low-cost heroin, and probably a couple of million more addicts. Crack cocaine: In high school, fewer students are using it. Crack use is a common cause, and result, of dropping out. How will making cocaine entirely available, penalty-free, prevent even more students from dropping out? I don't grasp that Legalization will achieve the purpose of a free market - to increase supply, improve distribution, make

customers, cut prices. Reduce crime? A sour joke. Legalization might cut the number of drug pushers killing each other or by-standers. By this logic, armed rob-bery should be legalized. Then nobody would get hurt.

victs with any drug-use record. The way out is not perpetuation of drug abuse by legalization. From a surgeon general who does not understand that, we should take neither advice, judgment or an aspirin.

The New York Times.

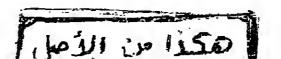
Don't Write Off Legalization Lightly

T HOUGH SUCH strong men as Senator Bob Dole grew laint over Dr.

Jocelyn Elders's hypothetical remarks about drug legalization, she is hardly the first serious person to note that the violence fostered by the black market in drugs constitutes a growing public health problem. Such Republican luminaries as William F. Buckley Jr. and George Shultz, and many other serious thinkers, have called similarly for a rethinking of the "war on drugs." America's demonstrably unsuccessful handling of the drug calamity is not a partisan issue. Let us not bask in moral sanctimony while the black market in drugs and the shapher in the streets go on.

- Edwin M. Yoder Jr. in The Washington Post.





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WASHINGTON - After drafting an ambitious post-Cold War strategy, the Pentagon finds itself up to

Over the administration's objections.

So billion short of what it needs to carry out the plan

But now many federal agencies exp and is skirmishing with the White House budget

director over the money. The dispute has been going on behind the scenes for weeks. But it broke into the open on Thursday when Leon E. Panetta, the director of the Office of Manage ment and Budget, confirmed that the Defense Department would be short by \$40 billion to \$50 billion over the next five years. With President Bill Clinton trying to cut the U.S. budget, Mr. Panetta said he did not expect a change would be made in next year's Penta-

expect a change would be made in next year's rema-gon spending request.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin plans to ask for the extra money anyway when he meets with Mr. Clinton next week to discuss his budget, leaving Mr. Clinton to arbitrate the fight. The shortage stems from faulty inflation estimates and the decision by Congress to raise military pay.

That puts the president where he least wants to be: in a dispute between his budget director and the Pentagon, and potentially in a standoff with Senator Sam Num, the Georgia Democrat who heads the Senate Armed Services Committee and supports the Pentagon's push for additional money.

This latest episode is the opening round of the annual infighting over the budget. The debate is especially heated because Mr. Clinton is trying to protect the U.S. role as a military power while honoring his promise to shift the nation's priorities more to domes-

Also at stake are the White House's relations with the uniformed military. "Something will have to give if we don't get the funds," a Pentagon official said. "We will either have to cut the forces and throw the strategy overboard, give up some weapons modernization, or get the funds we need from domestic programs."

Thus, the already tight Pentagon budget was further squeezed when Congress decided to order a pay increase for military personnel that the Clinton adminis-tration had not sought. That and other personnel decisions added \$14.5 billion to the Pentagon's five-

year plan.
In addition, inflation estimates that were too optimistic also mean that the military budget is underfi-nanced by \$33 billion, Pentagon officials say.

As a result, Pentagon officials say they are faced with a five-year shortage of almost \$50 billion.

Mr. Num predicted this problem in March. He said then that he had received assurances from the White House that it would support increases in military spending if they were needed,

"I have been assured that the administration will not permit higher inflation in the future to damage our defense capability," Mr. Num said.

told him that the military budget would be fully protected if Congress voted to give the troops a raise

But now many federal agencies expect to be short of money, and the White House budget office is trying to hold the line against increases in military spending. Mr. Panetta said agency heads throughout the government were asking for \$20 billion more than they were going to get for next year.

Mr. Panetta said that he supported the Pentagon's new strategy, but added that he did not anticipate increasing next year's military spending request to make up the difference.

Asked if the White House planned to forgo any adjustments in the Pentagon spending request for next year, Mr. Panetta said, "Yes." Referring to the five-year, \$1.2 trillion Pentagon spending plan announced in March, he added, "The president has pretty much made a commitment that he wants to stick to those

Military spending has gone down steadily since the height of the Reagan administration's buildup in 1985, once the effects of inflation are taken into account.

Still, with a budget this fiscal year of \$262 billion. the Pentagon spends more than the other federal agencies, making it a tempting target for budget

As part of a comprehensive plan to develop a military force for the post-Cold War world, the Defense Department announced in September that it planned to field 10 active army divisions, 12 aircraft carriers, 20 active and reserve air force wings and a sizable Marine Corps.

Even that plan, which was approved by Mr. Chinton, initially posed affordability problems for the Pentagon. The price tag for the force was \$13 billion more than the Pentagon had planned to spend over five years, prompting the Defense Department to identify offsetting cuts.

Deeper cuts, experts say, could prompt a wideranging debate over the wisdom of the Pentagon's strategy of preparing for two regional conflicts, its multibillion-dollar decision to build a third Seawolf attack submarine to preserve the military industrial base and its decision to proceed with other costly

■ Guard and Reserves to Lose 127,000

The Pentagon announced Friday that the U.S. Army National Guard and Reserve would lose about 127,000 jobs over the next six years as part of reductions in U.S. military forces, The Associated Press reported from Washington. The plan is to reduce the Guard to 367,000 and the Reserve to 208,000 for a total of 575,000 by 1999.

FUSION: A Burst of Power Heralds Future Promise Continued from Page 1

hazardous waste, although it does make the reactor walls temporarily radioactive - could be the successor to conventional nuclear fission plants that produce large amounts of radioactive waste:

Notably ecstatic at the results were the scientists who have devoted as much as 20 years to designing and building the Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor and to operating it at real issue is energy security for the

to see how it performs. Tokamak is a Russian acronym for "toroidal magnetic chamber with current," a concept for a doughnut-shaped reactor first advanced by Russian

physicists.

For many of us this is not so much a climax as the start of a new phase in fusion power develop-ment," said Ronald C. Davidson, director of the laboratory. "The

lower power levels with other fuels long term. Despite what some people think, we are not secure now. But this is the role fusion can play for the long term."

Throughout the evening, dozens of scientists and technicians operated the reactor and monitored events from a control room lined with computer screens. There were remote-controlled video monitors that scanned the huge reactor, which is as tall as a five-story building, boused in a nearby structure.



Lawmakers Let

The Associated Press

eration Treaty.

Minister Tansu Ciller of Turkey exchanging greetings in Ankara as Miss Bhutto arrived on Friday for talks that were to focus on trade. Miss Bhutto's husband, Asif Ali Zardari, is at left.

Germans Aid Austria In Letter-Bomb Inquiry

VIENNA — The Austrian police said Friday that they were cooperating with their German counterparts in a bunt for links between neo-Nazi groups suspected of a wave of letter-bomb attacks in Austria.

Two Austrian neo-Nazis were arrested on Thursday on suspicion of sending the bombs, which wounded four people including Vienna's mayor, Helmut Zilk.

"We are at present pulling on a thread which could also lead to Germany," said Michael Sika, an Austrian security official. "But further investigations are needed."

The letter-bombs were sent to human-rights campaigners helping refugees and minorities in Austria. Six of the 10 bombs were intercepted and defused.

The two suspects were identified as Peter B., 26, an electrician, and Alexander W., both of whom had close connections to a banned neo- Associated Press reported.

Nazi group called the Extra-Parlia-

mentary Opposition.
Gottfried Küssel, 35, leader of the group and regarded as the German-speaking world's leading neo-Nazi, was sentenced in September to 10 years in prison on charges of setting up the organization.

The police said searches of the suspects' homes had found chemicals that could be used to make explosives.

Wolfgang Neugebauer, a historian who heads an anti-Nazi documentation center, said Austrian far-rightists should not be underestimated. He said they had close links with bigger neo-Nazi groups in Germany with whom they carried out military-style training.

Germany earlier in the week, The

■ Escapees Are Recaptured more than 200 regional legislatures. The authorities said Friday that they had rounded up all nine rightist extremists who escaped from a prison near Cottbus in Eastern

leaving local power in the hands of the president's appointed regional administrators. The parliament, called the Su-

In Sunday Times: Is AIDS a Myth?

London Weekly Is Taking Iconoclastic Point of View

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

LONDON - As the fattest and most popular of London's so-called quality Sunday broadsheets. The Sunday Times has come to relish a reputation as Britain's establisbment iconoclast, a newspaper committed to challenging the conventinnal wisdom.

But the newspaper's latest crusade — a series of prominently displayed articles boidly arguing that the AIDS epidemic in Africa is a myth and strongly suggesting that HIV is not the way the AIDS infection spreads - has provoked bewilderment and anger among some government health officials. AIDS organizations and many scientists. some of whom have accused The Sunday Times of bearaying the public trust and misleading its 4 milbon readers.

Articles in the paper over the last year have challenged anti-viral drug therapies used to combat AIDS, the reliability of AIDS testing, and the commonly held assumption that AIDS poses a serious risk to heterosexuals.

Nature, a London-based international science journal, accused The Sunday Times this week of pursuing a line of reporting on AIDS that was "seriously mistak-**Kazakh President** en, and probably disastrous." In an editorial in the Dec. 9 issue,

Govern by Decree Nature said it was so alarmed by what it called the "unbalanced" and "selective" nature of the pa-ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan -per's reporting nn AIDS that It would regularly monitor and cri-Kazakhstan's parliament voted tique the coverage in The Sunday Friday to disband and let President Times, partly out of concern about Nursultan A. Nazarbayev govern the former Soviet republic by de-cree until elections in March. the potential damage the paper was eausing by leading young people and adults to believe they have lit-The resolution, which requires Mr. Nazarbayev's signature, would tle reason to fear infection with

take effect next week after legisla-Nature's broadside followed an tors vote on the Nuclear Nonprolifarticle last weekend in which The Kazakhstan is one of the former Times accused Nature, along with Soviet republics that inherited nuother scientific journals and mainclear weapons after the Soviet stream newspapers, of "self-im-Union's collapse in 1991. The treaposed censorship" for refusing to ty is expected to be ratified without give more coverage to those who doubt AIDS is caused by HIV.

The Sunday Times's series of ar-The legislators voted to give Mr. Nazarbayev one-man rule nntil a new parliament is elected March 7. ticles — with headlines like "Afri-can AIDS Plague 'a Myth," and "AIDS: The Plague That Never They also abolished Kazakhstan's Was" - are drawn, in part, from the theories of a group of scientific skeptics who have dissented from the widely accepted view that AIDS is spread by HIV infection. preme Soviet, and the local legisla-

Dissident theories on the putatures were elected in Soviet times.

of Peter Duesberg, an American mulecular biologist, have been widely debated in the last decade. and dismissed by most government and research preanizations as scientifically unsound.

Kale O'Neil, a spokesman for nave the Terrence Higgins Trust, Britain's largest AIDS charity, said she, ar is agreed that newspapers bave a re-sponsibility to question any onbo-ifies dox view.

"But the problem is, they are not giving all the facts, which means' e to ing they are misleading some and givmg others false hope," she said.

Neville Hodgkinson, The Sun-

day Times's science editor and the author of most of the stories, said the paper was serving the public interest by telling readers that serious scientists and researchers dissented strongly from the accepted view that HIV causes AIDS.

PATTEN: Chinese Rebuke

Continued from Page 1 China refuses to give its final

approval to a series of large infrastructure projects including a new airport for Hong Kong. feel contravene the spirit of earlier agreements on the change in sover-

eignty."
While stock market investors appear unpenurbed by the specter of an overall lack of cooperation between Britain and China, serious clouds remain on Hong Kong's bo-

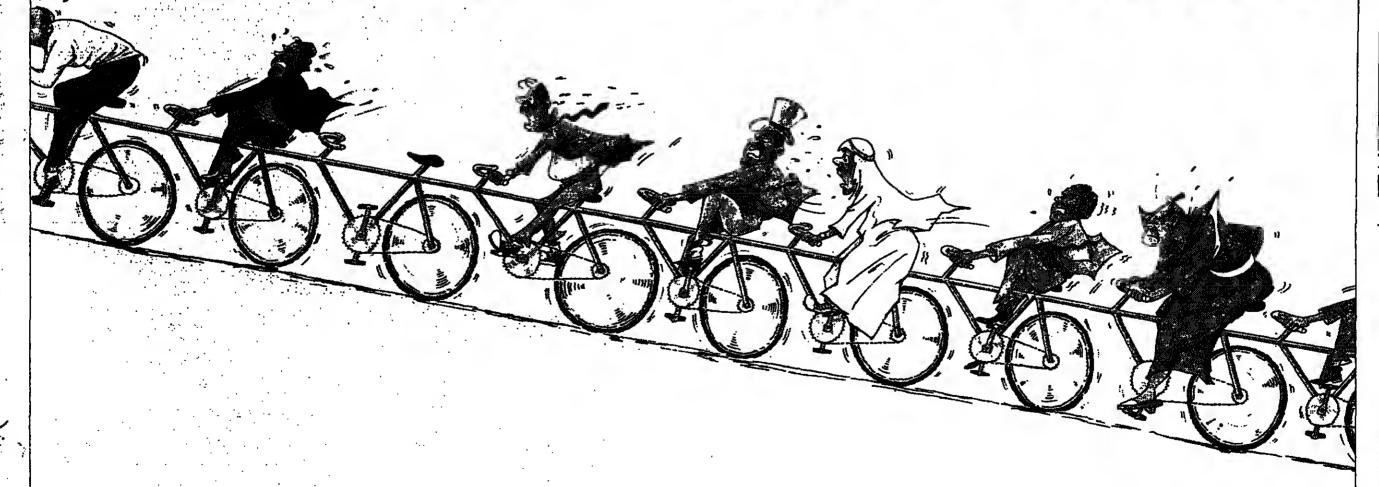
Important administrative agreements on the many technical and legal aspects of the 1997 handover normally discussed by the Joint Liaison Group have slowed to a trickle since the electoral reform dispute

The prospect of future disputes moved the international credit rating agency, Moody's Investors Service Inc., to downgrade the long term debt of Hong Kong's quasipublic urban rail system on Friday.
Citing uncertainty for Hong

Kong's relations with China after 1997 and the threat it peses to the stability of the Hong Kong dollar, Moody's said it would downgrade the local dollar debt of the Mass Transii Railway Corp. from its Aa2 to Al classification.

The Hong Kong government called Moody's decision "disaptive cause of AIDS, including those pointing and surprising."

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Why has the Republic of China on Taiwan, one of the world's strongest democracies, been banished from the world stage? Such exclusion from the U.N. and other world forums is unfortunate and detrimental to world affairs.

All because of rhetoric that ignores reality.

Communist China says the Republic of China on Taiwan does not exist. But that's a ploy which simply won't work anymore. How is it possible to ignore 21 million people, who make up the world's 20th largest economy. 14th largest trading nation, a blossoming democracy, and a

enlorful culture? Communist China also argues that the U.N. is not big enough for two Chinese seats, even if only temporarily, until China's unification is achieved. But the U.N. was big enough for two Germanys, and is still big enough for the two divided parts of Korea. So much for that argument.

Rhetoric can't change reality. The Republic of China on Taiwan exists. The international community should not be bullied into playing along with any characte to the contrary. It's high time the international community says "no" to Peking's attempts to block the Republic of China from assuming its rightful role as a responsible, charitable and key member of the U.N. family of

Yes. The 21 million Chinese on Taiwan are ready, willing and able to assume a role in the U.N., to do their share in building a better U.N. and more harmonious world. Their continued exclusion is no longer justified. Reality and reason, not rhetoric, should make the world go

So, isn't it time for the U.N. to give the Republic of China on Taiwan a chance to participate in the most august of world bodies?

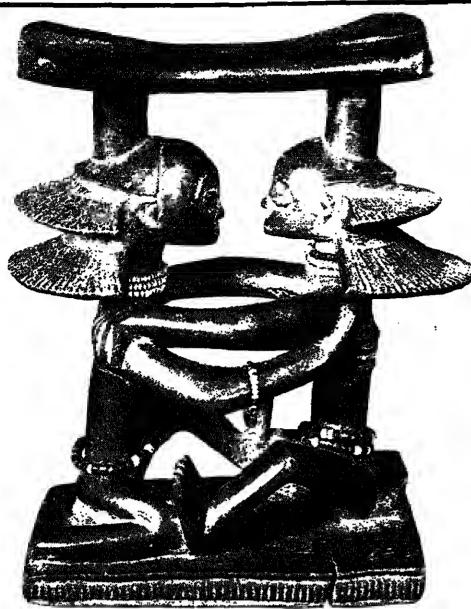
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Wooden headrest from the Luba exhibition at the Musée Dapper.

The Aesthetics of Africa Luba Empire and the Niger River

By Michael Gibson

ARIS — In the great mining heartland of Zaire, the Luba empire, established toward the end of the 16th century, governed a population of diverse ethnic origins in a territory balf the size of France until the dawn of the 20th century.

An exquisitely presented exhibition at the Mu-

see Dapper, to April 17, is devoted to the wood, metal and ivory regalia of the Luba kings: stools, scepters, headrests, seated figures of women hold-ing bowls on their knees and delightful statuettes

of women clutching their breasts.

The Luba empire was formed by military power and alliance and founded on a community of beliefs and the trade of various commodities, including salt, As François Neyt, the author of the scholarly catalogue, argues, its existence demonstrates that, con-trary to what was formerly assumed, extensive kingdoms arose in central Africa before any contact with European or Arab travelers.

The wonderful aesthetic quality of these objects, their monumentality, their powerful symbolism, their sensuality and humor demonstrate the importance of the sort of mythic worldview that such works possess and that, by contrast, most contemporary Western art lacks.

New York's Museum of Modern Art's presentatioo of "primitive" works side by side with "modern" Western works in New York some years ago quite unintentionally made this point by demonstrating the superiority of the so-called primitive arts of Africa and the Pacific. The small Luba sbow

confirms this. Most of the works represent women as sacred mediators between men and the divine realm, since they are assumed to be more receptive to the messages of the spirits. Thus, according to Neyt, the breast-clutching gesture of some of these fig-

ures signifies the nature of the higher knowledge, divinely "breast-fed" to the king whose power these objects signify.

The slow and laborious emergence of African history is also attested to by an ambitious exhibi-tion at the Musée des Arts d'Afrique et d'Ocèanie on the outskirts of the Bois de Vincennes, to Jan. 10. Assembled by the six states watered by the 4,200-kilometer (2,500-mile) Niger River. "Valleys of the Niger" attempts to present most of what is known about the cultural past of the people living oo the river's banks. As a result the exhibition is both good news and bad news.

The bad news is that the Niger, which rises not far from the ocean in Guinea and flows Northeast to Tombouctou in Mali, before turning south again to the Ife region and the Atlantic, covers a territory too vast and varied to be easily comprehended at a glance. It waters the present states of Guinea, Mau-ritania, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. And the archaeological material presented, while probably fascinating to the expert, may strike the general public as slim and unspectacular. The good oews is that the exhibition, especially

the second part, contains a number of items that can bowl one over, including Nok clay figures and Benin bronzes that, together with the admirable Ife bronze and clay beads, are among the finest speci-mens of African art, whose extreme variety they

The first part of the exhibition strives to be didactic, and there are plenty of pot shards and pebbles artfully laid out in sand, and aerial photographs from 800 meters that are about as easy to read as X-rays of your lungs.

The message pointedly made at the outset is that interest is elandestinely being dug out of the Afri-can soil and sold overseas, thus stripping a land without written records of priceless indications concerning its past. A statue taken out of context may be aesthetically satisfying, but vital informa-

Imperus for the show was provided by Alpha Oumar Konare, president of Mali, and also former president of the International Council of Museums, an organization that has always been much concerned with the preservation of national cultur-

HE catalogue is a befty tome containing scholarly presentations. It is encyclope-dic and includes essays on the languages spoken in the area and, somewhat implausibly, on the varieties of fish found in the river. The museum's permanent collection, incidentally, includes a number of first-rate items that de-

serve better acquaintance.

The "Valleys of the Niger" exhibition goes on to the Rijksmuseum voor Volkerkunde in Leiden, the Netherlands, in March, to the Philadelphia Museum of Art in June, and then to Mali, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Niger, Mauritania and Guinea, where the tour ends in March 1996.

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Baudelaire on the Mean Streets of Paris

By Katherine Knorr International Herald Tribune

ARIS -- Charles Baudelaire's career took off with his funeral. His life as a poet had been a series of setbacks (though he was successful, after a fashion, with his translations of Poc and his literary criticism) that culminated in legal action for obscenity. If Bandelaire lived the good life for a while, spending half of the 100,000 gold francs he inherited from his father on wine, women and nice threads, be paid for that bberty very dearly and died at 46 the classic death of the 19th-century bohe-

46 the classic death of the 19th-century bone-mian, paralyzed by syphilis.

When the Guggenheim inaugurates a new gallery with explicit Mapplethorpe pictures, and rich and famous rappers are indicted for rape and murder, it's perhaps difficult to understand why anybody made such a fuss over Baudelaire's "Fleurs du Mal" (or for that matter "Madame Royary" also the subthat matter, "Madame Bovary," also the sub-ject of a famous trial). Bandelaire's idea of beauty, his hatred of the bourgeoisie, the morbid darkness of his vision were deeply shocking, however, as was Flaubert's plain description of adultery—a great deal more shocking in their context than the self-con-

scious bad taste that pretends to be art today. Baudelaire was France's first truly modern poet. More than a century after his death, his anger and his wretchedness are still searing, his words still carry with them a smell of wine and sulfur.

His life, set against the dramatic back-ground of the first half of the 19th century in Paris, is the subject of a delightful exhibition (until Feb. 15) at the Historical Library of the City of Paris. Manuscripts, drawings and paintings are juxtaposed with daguerreo-types and photographs — Alget, Carjat, Na-dar, but especially Charles Marville's views of the streets where Baudelaire lived (he moved a lot, and a large map of Paris shows more than 40 residences). Bandelaire had a brief moment of revolutionary fervor in brief moment of revolutionary fervor in 1848, and here are dramatic daguerreotypes of the barricades that brought down Louis-Philippe, "Paris change!" Baudelaire wrote in "Le Cygne," and here are Marville's stark pictures of large parts of the city being de-stroyed to make way for Baron Haussmann's

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and more recently a civil servant who was, his son said, a dreadful painter (paintings in the exhibition bear out Bandelaire's opinion). When the elder Bandelaire's opinion). When the elder Bandelaire died in 1827, his widow, Caroline Dufays, quickly remarting the went on the control of the money of that, Aupick went on to become a special and an ambassador. Bandelaire was thrown out of one lycee for bad conduct, Bandelaire's life ran on the roller coaster.

of his finances, from bordellos to late-night cases (wonderfully portrayed here in Con-stantin Guys drawings and paintings) to fre-quently sordid digs, alone or with Jeanns Duval, with whom he shared his longest and Duval, with whom he shared his longest and most destructive relationship; she is seen here in drawings by him and others. He was a dandy; he loved to eat and to drink ("Isn'f it reasonable to think that people who never drink wine are imbedies or hypocrites?"), and he both celebrated and criticized hashish and opium: "Here is a green jam, singularly odorous so odorous that it provokes a certain repulsion. Fill a

spoon, and you possess happiness.

"My dear Theophile," says an invitation, on display in the show, sent by the painter Fernand Boissard de Boisdenier to the poet Theophile Gautier, "hashish will be taken at

its visitor both of the beauty of rails, and of its sinister side, street stalls, peeling facades, unquiet shadows; the Paris of the streetwalker and the howery man. Bandelane breathed that Paris, he saw the beauty in its ugliness, but he also saw the ugliness, the loneliness, the terrible sound of a carriage rattling over wet cobblestones before dawn. He was frequently decreased by his life, the quently desperate, disgusted by his life, the constant money worries, all the mornings after ("Landamum and wine are bad re-sources against sadness. They pass the time, but they don't remake life." he wrote to his mother in 1847). He was the poet of morbidity and decay, of love as torture or surgery.

Twould be wrong to see Bandelaire in modern terms, as counterculture rebel modern terms, as counterculture rebel with or without a cause. Despite his brief excitement during the 1848 revolution (mostly manifested in threats to kill his stepfather), his politics were influenced by Jeseph de Maistre and by Poe; he was contemptuous of the "people" and the idea of democracy. He disinced what now might be called hippiess: "Modernity is the transitory, the fugitive, the contingent, half of art, of which the other half is eternal and immuniable," and although he said that poetry must table," and although he said that poetry must not serve a moral purpose, he also said that great poetry was by its nature spiritually

The exhibition is rich in photographic portraits of Bandelaire, most of them famous and all of them charting his quick physical decline. As befits the institution, it's a bookish show, heavy on manuscripts, and without labels — the visitor must follow the numbers with a program.

Enadelaire was born in 1821, the son of François Baudelaire, then 62, once a priest and more recently a civil servant who was, his son said, a dreadful painter (paintings in the exhibition bear out Baudelaire's opin-ign). When the state of the program is a contract of the state of the program in the exhibition bear out Baudelaire's opin-ign). When the state of the program is a contract of the state of the program in the exhibition bear out Baudelaire's opin-ign). When the state of the program is a contract of the program in the child was still born a more recently a civil servant who was, his son said, a dreadful painter (paintings in the exhibition bear out Baudelaire's opin-ign). When the state is the state of the program is a contract of the program in the child was still born a more recently a civil servant who was, his son said, a dreadful painter (paintings in the exhibition bear out Baudelaire's opin-ign). When the state of the program is a champion that sters to his mores, he was mostly full of rage about his own fate, not all of it someone else's doing. The sample of it someone else's doing. The sample of the territorial parameters to his mores, he was mostly full of rage about his own fate, not all of it someone there is doing. The sample of its sample of the territorial parameters to his mores, he was mostly full of rage about his own fate, not all of it someone there is doing. If Bandelaire was being it and the was a champion there is one there is doing. The sample of the territorial parameters to his mores, he was mostly full of rage about his own fate, not all of it someone there is doing. If Bandelaire was being it and the was a champion there is one there is one. The sample of the sample of the territorial parameters to ing, that I have acquired and merited it with this little book."

The Case Against the Restoration Trend

By Michael Kimmelman New York Times Service

EW YORK — There is a disturbing trend in the art world, and James Beck, many an art restorer's bad dream, has done a ood deed by calling attention to in a oew book.

Beck is the Columbia University art historian so outspoken in his opposition to certain high-profile restoration projects that he was threatened with jail in Italy for defaming a restorer.
His ceaseless and not altogether

coherent attacks on the widely endorsed cleaning of Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican have earned him the enmi-ty of powerful colleagues and made him something of an outcast.

He doesn't seem to mind. Part publicity bound, part Ross Perot-like populist gadfly who can be fast ray in London and co-written with chael Daley) were ignored or mini-

mized because of the messenger. Beck's complaint is that too many important works of art are cleaned toration has become, as Beck obwithout serious cause and without serves, a fast-growing industry that anything like a consensus about demands an increasing number of

coes by Masaccio and Masolino in the Brancacci Chapel in Florence -projects that have produced radical but persuasive changes in the appearances of these works.

He could have cited plenty of may now be eyebrow-raising cleanings done in recent years at prestigious institutions like the Accademia in Venice (Carpaccio's "Life of St. Ursula" cycle), the National Gallery in London and the National Gallery in Washington before its present chief paintings conscrvator took charge.

Daley does devote his own chapter to the legacy of restoration at the National Gallery in London, and loose with the facts, he has looking back more than a century, hastened his own marginalization. To the historical examples given, he by the art establishment. It would might have added a painting like be a pity, however, if the essential Poussin's "Finding of Moses." It age in "Art Restoration: The was recently cleaned in a way the Culture. The Business and the museum vociferously defends on Scandal" (published by John Mur- scientific grounds; but the work's visual coherence and beauty have a British journalist and artist, Mi- been clearly diminished, say various art historians.

Although caution and conservatism should be its watchwords, restechnique. Alarmist though he is, he projects to support it. And the THE BOOK OF GUYS

prescribed years ago proscribed as damaging.

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hyped-up colors of photographic reproductions and slides.

The bigger the news surrounding a restoration, the more people want to see it. The more people who see it, the bigger the environmental threat to the work may be. Art conservation is about what is done not only to the objects restored but also to the surroundings in which they are displayed. The health of a work, the commercial interests of its owners and public access to it are factors that sometimes compete.

Contentious though conserva-

ing every which way to cast doubt them conform in appearance to try often hides. It has transformed on two immensely important Italian projects, the cleaning of the pectations of a public used to the mostly by artists to a discipline with the pretensions of medicine

and the presumption of certitude. In fact, the science of conservation is as changeable as the science of medicine.

The medical analogy is apt in tion are works of art; and works of no conservator can restore it to youth, contrary to what the public is often led to believe.

When dirt is removed from an Old Master oil painting, the colors revealed are not necessarily the ones the artist put there. Some colors are naturally fugitive: greens tend to turn brown with age; red pales: vermilion is stable.

Science may tell us that once the accretions of the centuries are gone only the artist's work remains, but our eyes may tell us something different. Conservation at its best

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has a point, and it is unfortunate that he concentrates on the most attention-grabbing, but not necessarily the strongest, examples.

He spends much of his book try
The spend them are rare.

About one thing Beck is underably right. Criticism of restoration projects like the Sistine is healthy and necessary, even if it turns out to be wrong, because you can't be too_careful when tampening with the cornerstones of civilization.

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The defensiveness with which another regard. Patients of restora- the Vancan and its representatives greeted Beck's noisy campaign was nothing compared with the attempt by an Italian restorer to jail him. art are, like all living things, organ-ic, inevitably changing and decay-ing over-time. Restoration may After complaining about the re-prolong the life of an artwork but storer's cleaning of Jacopo della Quercia's tomb of Ilaria del Carretto in Lucca, Beck found himself charged with criminal defamation under an Italian law that carried a penalty of three years in prison.

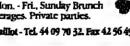
(He was acquitted.) With the opening to the West of Eastern European muscums — and offers by Western conservators to help oversee Eastern collections that have experienced a kind of benign neglect in this century — there is the prospect of a whole new spate of restorations. They deserve public scratiny. Beck's book turns out to be must be a combination of science a flawed, but timely, document.



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Reviewed by Michael Dirda

UP till recently, and perhaps still, Robert Bly, guru of the men's movement, lived in Minnesota. From time to time, weary of leading campfire hoedowns for 45-year-olds whose dreams had turned to ashes, the distinguished poet would relax by driving over to Lake Wobegon, Garrison Keillor's hometown. Once there he'd slow down at the Statue of the Unknown Norwegian, hurry nervously by Our Lady of Perpetual Responsi bility, and then slip into the Side Track Tap for a little something to soothe the inner beast

At the tavern Bly would often run into chubby-faced Keillor, and, after quaffing a few brewskies, the two would open up to each other about life's setbacks, "cruel fathers, treacherous friends, abject poverty, rejection by women, dust storms, prison, tuberculosis, car wrecks, the boll weevil, and poor career choices, all the disasters familiar to fans of the

great Johnny Cash." Late some evenings, so I have

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Anyone who's ever listened to Keillor—he hosts "A Prairie Home Companion" on public radio —will recall the storyielling mastery of that hiling, friendly worce, its familiar blurring of the real and the imag-inary. Like an FM Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Keillor has, over the years, chronicled at least 100 years of solitude — and as much frivolity — in the Minnesota town that time forgot and radio brought back to Of course, the yarns that he might

spin to the regulars down at the Side Track Tap. — and that now make up the contents of "The Book of Guys" — are sexier and rather more complex morally than those let loose. on the airwaves. Moreover, there in that smoke-filled male bastion his usual microphone bonhomie would sometimes crack, the blithe folksiness darken with an edge of bitter-ness and spleen. As Keillor observed in his 1993 address at the National Federation of Associations convention, in this women-dominated world of ours it's all too easy for anyone to "sag inside and become sad and careful, a guy who when he stands up you hear the tinkle of

Of course, humorists have always been presumed to be brokenhearted or mean-spirited; anguished on the

inside à la Pagliacci, scarcely disguising their misogyny like James Thurber. Keillor doesn't sink quite that far in "The Book of Guys," but most of these 20 or so stories, even the funniest, share a base of failure. loneliness, misunderstanding, and dwell repeatedly on unhappy mar-riages, the advent of middle age, the high emotional cost of simply being

a husband, a father, a man. All are wonderful reads, chockablock with good lines - "Her cutoffs were cut off as high as cutoffs can be cut without becoming a belt" - yet how few are what you'd call lighthearted or upbeat. Some even display an icily restrained indigna-tion ("Winthrop Thorpe Toringa" about the effects of sexual openness on a family, or the devastating "George Bush"). Many of the others implicitly reacho with the words. "What fools these mortals be! and I mean you and me too, bub."

There are plenty of sophomoric, as well as sophisticated, pleasures in "The Book of Guys." For instance, men who've resurrected their inner chieftain will probably also wish to learn how "to send subliminal erotic messages that hot babes are powerless to resist." As the ad for this surprisingly useful technique ex-plains, "Hot babes have NO IDEA what's happening, only that they lust for your body and feel revulsion for ALL OTHER MEN! After an hour, they're TAKING OFF THEIR CLOTHES and yelling Do it! Do it! Or your money cheerfully refunded." You can't beat a deal like that. Not even on a tom-tom.

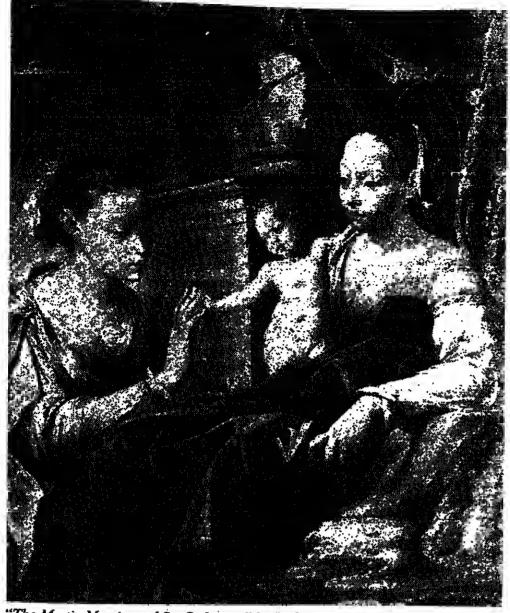
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"The Mystic Marriage of St. Catherine," by Ludovico Carracci.

Bologna to the Rescue Of a Hometown Painter

By Ken Shulman . . .

OLOGNA - There are many artists who have not received their due over time. Like a clever scriptwriter winnowing down his characters for economy and comprehension's sake, traditional art history tends to choose a minimum of protagonists and represents only a few more in supporting roles. As in many similar "rehabilitation," exhibits, the Ludovico Carracci show at Bologna's Museo Civico is a convincing exercise in hometown, revisionist propaganda and a mostly successful effort to sculpt a niche for the Bolognese painter among the ranks-of art's most important

Born in Bologoa in 1555, Ladovico Carracci began his professional career in a workshop with his cousins Annibale and Agostino, and continued to collaborate with them through 1590. For centuries, the three artists were always evaluated as a single unit; one spoke of the work of "the Carracci." Of the three, Annibale, five years younger than Ludovico, was tra-ditionally held to be the most talented and significant.

Ludovico had a few, scattered supporters over the centuries. For the most part, he was labeled "a capable decorator" and tossed into the appropriate historical recycling bin. But like records in sports. historical judgments are also made to be broken. And in 1934, the historian Roberto Longhi almost singlehandedly hoisted Ludovico Carracci out of the ranks of mediocrity. "The lithe grace of Correggio, the force of Tibaldi, amplitude worthy of Titian, all becoming sentimental life, battling between heaven and nearby earth, in a meteorological chianoscuro shattered by miracles," wrote Italy's most important and authorita-tive 20th-century critic. "Certainly the art of Ludovico Carracci is not something to be approached at a tender

Still, 59 years would pass from Longhi's revision to the opening of Ludovico Carracci's first monographi-cal exhibition. The Bologna show presents Carracci as a sensitive, innovative naturalist who served as a vital link between late Mannerist and early Baroque paint-, ing in Europe. More than 80 of the artist's paintings

are on display, representing the entire range of his production, which began in 1578 when Carracci obtained membership in the Bologna order of painters and ended at his death in 1619.

The works most germane to the exhibit curator Andrea Emiliani's case are those executed between 1585 and 1600, works in which Carracci had already assimilated the lessons of Correggio, Tintoretto, and Veronese and was able to give vent to his own current of experimental naturalism. Ludovico was rather slow to develop as an artist, and the elements that would later distinguish him as an important and often daring innovator are largely absent in his early works.

IS first truly original painting, and one of the finest works in the show, is "The Con-version of Saint Paul" (1587). A dynamic, asymmetrical composition, the painting is crash out of the canvas and submerge the viewer. A the child Horus on her knees, had vortex created by a swath of darkness at the center of to give up on a Bes figure. As it the composition and volcanic bursts of smoldering ended up at £2,640, 10 times the light at the top and bottom augment the sense of drama and draw the viewer into the scene.

This "stage" effect is prominent in most of Carracci's midlife works. The "Bargellini Madonna" (1588) and "The Sermon of Saint John the Baptist" (1590) are both extremely successful paintings that explore the space between the illusion of reality and the reality of illusion. They are truly modern, and radical for their time. In these large compositions, Carracci is able to foment a dramatic urgency in which light functions not as an element of illumination of accent, but almost as an incarnation of spirit straining to breathe within the grasp of Carracci's somber, autumnal palette.

The well-conceived Bologna show, which will travel to the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, in January, should reinforce Carracci's newfound stattre as an important innovator in European painting. He may not deserve a place alongside Caravaggio, as one critic wrote in 1970. But he is certainly worthy of a solo exhibition, and of our attention.

Ken Shulman is an American writer based in Italy.

A Boom in Buying of Antiquities

International Herald Tribune ONDON - Suddenly. the art world is seized by desire to huy that knows no bounds at auction. The 155.5 million franc 1826.3 milliont sale of French furniture and decorative objects from Hubert de Givenchy's collection in Monte Carlo had seemed to be one of those unique occurrences where the aura of a personality alone 🧌 changes the rules of the game.

But what happened this week in London, particularly with antiquities from Egypt, Greece and Rome. sheds a very different light on the

The first indications that something new is going on could be gathered as early as Tuesday afternoon when little Bonhams opened

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the proceedings. The London aucuon bouse, fourth in size behind Sotheby's, Christie's and even Phillips, bas been eleverly carving out niches for itself in the lower finanrial echelons of several categories. Its lighter structure allows it to

handle low-priced items at a profit. This is particularly true in antiquities, where its catalogues - refreshingly free from pseudo-scholarly pretensions and, mostly, from eculation-driven estimates hold an irresistible appeal to oldtimers. This week, a large contingent of Egyptian works, as much in avor as ever, enhanced the attraction. Even so, it was something of a surprise to see the room packed with dealers ranging from international heavyweights to modest

More surprising still was the zest with which they all pounced on any decent piece. Right at the beginning, the headless and armless marble figure of a woman wearing the loose tunic (chlamys) and long robes of the Greek world in the third century B. C. tempted Thomas Hope of New York to pay £8,250 (\$12,375). That was 25 percent more than the high estimate, A marble torso, of which there are many more - even if this one is excellently carved - went up to £15.400. That was 40 percent more

HEN it came to the Egyptian pieces, particularly turquoisemost standard type, each one became an excuse for bidding matches between professionals. They often involved Jerome Fisenberg of New York and Los Angeles (Royal Athena Galleries), Hans Humble of Zurich and Walter M. Banko of Montreal. Eisenberg, having paid £2,970, three times the high estimate, for a small turquoise Isis with high estimate. Eisenberg growled: This is four times the retail price."

The Bonhams performance thus lifted the curtain on a four-day buying spree of unprecedented proportions in the field of antiquities. From the very beginning at Christie's on Wednesday, bidding was suggestive of a volcano about to erupt. The first lot, a beautiful Nordic battle-ax of speckled brown stone went up to £6,900. four times the high estimate. It was followed, three lots down, by another at five times the highest price expected — it fetched £9,200. A long row of trifling objects then slackened the pace, but as the first important object came up, the room woke up from its slumber and went berserk.

The bronze cylindrical cista (urn) resting on lion paws from 300 B. C. Etruria, which had sold in 1963 for £2,205, went for £106,000, Howev-"Telephone: (1) 42 79 07 92. er rare the engraved scene illustrat-



ing the Judgment of Paris, however glamorous the provenance came from Northwick Park where the collection of Captain Spencer-Churchill was kept until its dispersal in 1963 — the price is amazing.

This was outshone by the next important piece with a glamorous provenance; an outstanding bronze bust of the Roman Emperor Caligula, which came from the Schinz-Rüsch collection. An expression of mentally disturbed ferocity is conveyed to perfection by the tightlipped evil smile. Unfortunately, the bust shows some damage. The grin seemed more devilish than ever as the object climbed to £265,500, eight times the bigh esti-

While extraordinary works can lead to such outbursts, the competition between dealers triggered by the appearance of virtually any fine Egyptian piece is in a way more revealing about the effervescent mood in the market. There seemed to be no limit to their determination when a Paris dealer and a German operator engaged each other over a superb mask from a wooden sarcophagus of the New Kingdom. They sent it flying to five

In the afternoon, when part of the collection of Ancient Egyptian glass came up, the fever went up several points. Ali Abou Ta'am, a Beirut dealer who bas systematically set his sights on the biggest lots over the past 12 months, carried off the great prize, an extraordinary

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glass mosaic bowl from post-Alexandrian Egypt, which cost him Seen against this backdrop of

bubbling activity, the unprecedented sale of Greek vases that took place at Sotheby's on Thursday may be a little less surprising. It stands out nonetheless as one of the most remarkable art market events in recent years. Sotbeby's laconic characterization of the collection as the property of a private trust hardly does justice to one of the most sophisticated collectors of the past two decades.

Like many true collectors, Carl W. Hirschmann, a Zurich businessman, kept his single-minded passion for Greek pottery a very

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private affair even though he made no secret of it. Indeed, in 1982 many of its masterpieces were reproduced in a volume edited by Hansjorg Bloesch, a professor of Greek nrchaeology at Zurich University. The title "Greek Vases from the Hirschmann Collection" could not have been more explicit. Later, many of these were exhibited in the small university

museum,

Fellow collectors in Switzerland say that the show was a prelude to the bequest that Hirschmann intended to make to Zurich University. Nothing would have deterred him from this purpose, they say. had it not been for a clash with a scholar who teaches at the univer-

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sity and who disapproves of collecting antiquities because of the trail of destruction it generates: sites summarily dug up, objects broken, documentary evidence

"Well, don't you like them?" Hirschmann is reported to have asked as they went through the exhibition. To which the scholar is supposed to have replied icily after a silence: "Nothing justifies the loss of provenance." That did tld it, the story goes. If it is true, the Sotheby's should erect a statue to ng

The element of surprise was a factor in the outcome of the sale. So too was the cohesion of the collection, which reflected a highly distinctive aesthetic vision, with a preference for the monumental SC and a feel for rhythmical quality. Hirschmann may have turned to Bloesch for advice, as sources say, but in the end, when he bought from Herbert Cahn. Leo Mildenberg and other leading Swiss dealers, it was his eye that guided him. The result was stunning.

O ONE ever imagined that an object such as the Caeretan water jar (hydria) of the late sixth century B. C. decorated with the feats of an unidentified hero would turn up at auction. Such works would normally be handled hy dealers, behind closed doors.

The price is commensurate to the surprise. At £2.2 million, the jar set an all-time record for any antiquity. This is far above the previous highest price paid for Greek pottery — \$1.76 million at Sotheby's New York in 1990, at the height of the market, for a fragmentary Attic figure piece signed by the famous Euphronios.

Interestingly, in their excesses, buyers retained a sense of proportion. The next highest price, £881,500, paid for a water jar of identical size with formal motifs pointing to the same workshop, reflects the difference in beauty between the figural scenes. And in that same Hirschmann sale, 15 lots sold under £4.000 - there was no silly buying. Likewise, in Christie's sale there were plenty of failures to sell (as the day before at Bonhams) when the estimates were deemed unjustified.

With all its financial muscle, the new market is tough, even ruthless the minute speculation is suspected. Auction houses, take notice, There will be no easy ride.

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High-priced horror: A 1925 post-

er from "The Phantom of the Opera" horror movie sold for \$41,400 at Sotheby's New York. The second highest price at the auction of 320 movie posters was \$29,900 for a 1931 "Frankenstein" poster.

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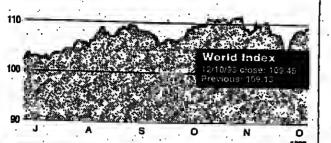


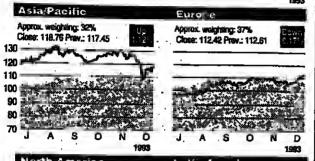


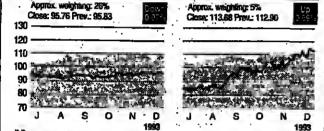




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Economy Reheats In China

Leadership Takes Foot Off Brakes

BELIJING - China's economy is heating up again after just four months of cooling down in what economists said was a sure sign the government bad released the brakes for another hurst of growth. State Statistical Bureau data Fri-

day showed that the industrial growth rate rose a year-on-year 18.9 percent in November, up from 16.4 percent in October. It was the first time since June that the rate had increased from a month earlier. Economists said this was the surest sign yet of an effective end to a

retrenchment policy launched in July, which aimed to slow industrial growth and inflation and channel resources to priority projects.

A meeting of the Communist
Party's Central Committee in midNovember called for "fast, healthy growth" in what economists said was a sign the retrenchment policy was hurting the state sector too

hard and was being eased. Thanks to extraordinary growth in the money supply in the first half of the year, industrial output grew at a bectic pace, reaching 30.2 per-

cent in June and fueling inflation. The retrenchment policy, which included tight controls on credit and the recall of illegal bank loans, succeeded in bringing down indus-trial growth month by month to a low of 16.4 percent in October.

a yearly 21.1 percent. But the policy hurt loss-making state companies, which depend on credit for survival. Their output fell sharply and they had to send thousands of workers home.

Urban inflation that month was

The figures for November showed the continued effect of this policy. In November, output of state-owned industry grew 5.5 percent over a year earlier, that of the collective sector 30.1 percent and of other sectors by 62 percent.

■ China Joblessness Grows China's minister of labor, Li Boyong, said Friday that the coun-See CHINA, Page 15

But 3d Quarter Data Called Misleading By Steven Brull rose at an annual rate of 2 percent, the government said. TOKYO - Surprising figures News that the gross national produced by the government Fri-day showed the Japanese econo-

Most economists expect Ja-

July and September came too

Japan's GNP Jumps a Bit

data, which showed the gross national product expanding at an annual rate of 1.5 percent, were-misleading. That view was rein-The economy is still crawling forced by a report from the central bank that business sentiment along the had sunk to new lows. bottom. Economisis were quick to note

that the third-quarter expansion, which reflected stronger-thanexpected private consumption and housing investment, does not mean Japan's economy has reached its nadir. Rather, they said, it was chiefly a reaction to the sharp 2 percent contraction during the previous quarter and efforts by companies to cut prices and unload inventory before the end of the fiscal half-

my growing at a rate well above

the recessionary pace the Japa-nese have resigned themselves to.

But economists said that the

Gross domestic product, which does not include net income from overseas production. product of the world's secondargest economy grew between

late for financial markets to repan's economy to shrink in 1993

Stanley in Tokyo.

Tsutomu Tanaka, **Economic Planning**

with little improvement next year. Nomura Research Institute predicted Thursday that the economy would contract by 1.1 percent in the current fiscal year, which ends March 31, and fall by 0.4 percent next year.

While Friday's figures were not a believable harbinger of recovery, they may take some pres-sure off the beleaguered govern-

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ment of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa. They could also de-lay efforts to stoke the economy,

economists said.
Yet even Mr. Hosokawa's economic advisers found little optimism in the new numbers. "The economy is still crawling along the bottom, but there are ripples in the numbers from quarter to quarter," said Tsutomu Tanaka, deputy minister of the Economic

Planning Agency.

"It's incredible and confuses
everybody," said Mineko Sasaki-Swith, economist at Morgan

Most experts had predicted a contraction after a decline the previous quarter and a recent string of indicators showing rising unemployment, falling industrial production and consumer spending, and sluggish growth in bank lending. The stock market, meanwhile,

has shed more than 12 percent in the last six weeks. Investors have grown increasingly skeptical that Mr. Hosokawa's fractious coalition government, which is trying to juggle political reform and an ninent announcement open-

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U.S.-ECDispute Over Shipping Hits GATT Talks

GENEVA - The chaotic talks on world trade turned even messier Friday when the United States and European Community picked a new fight over shipping and remained at odds over the film industry.

As negotiators headed into a weekend of nonstop negotiations at the headquarters of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, it appeared likely that key parts of the proposed accord might unravel and that other areas could not be completed by Wednesday's deadline.

Despite optimism this week after a U.S.-EC accord in Brussels cleared away major problems, the EC and United States accused each other of playing games over an agreement that would open up shipping services to international

This dispute began when an EC negotiator. Karl Falkenherg, charged the United States with backtracking on a promise to open its ocean-shipping business to for-

eigners.

A U.S. negoriator, Richard Self, accused the Europeans of bowing to pressure from Greek shipping ty-coons and attempting to shift blame on America, Greece, which takes over the EC presidency next month, wants to protect its big shipping fleet from foreign competition.

"The Community is jeopardizing the Uruguay Round hy artificially creating excuses to pull things off the table," Mr. Self said, "Other countries will follow their lead and you'll see a disintegration of the commitments and then we won't have a package."

The chief U.S. negotiator, John

Schmidt, also said that the two trading powers had made no progress on a dispute over andiovisual products, which covers the sensitive area of cinema and television productions. Some EC members, led by France, insist that they must retain the right to "cultural protec-tion" and restrictions on U.S. and other imports. On Friday, for instance. Spain imposed restrictions on the showing of non-European films in cinemas.

Other problems that could threaten a deal were focused on the area of services and in the shaping of new rules against dumping.
Meanwhile, Foreign Minister
Alain Juppé of France urged EC
leaders, meeting in Brussels, to take

tions and insisted that all of France's demands be met. Speaking after a meeting of EC foreign ministers, Mr. Juppé assailed the EC Commission's conduct of the negotiations in Geneva, especially regarding the film and

a tough line on world trade negotia-

"I don't want the negotiations to See GATT, Page 13

EC and Italy Reach Accord On Cuts at Ilva

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS — The EC's competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert, and Industry Minister Paolo Savona of Italy said Friday they had reached an agreement on capacity cuts and state aid for the steel company Ilva SpA.

The accord was expected to lead to a broader agreement on reducing excess capacity in the European steel industry. The EC Commission said the

agreement called for closing two of Ilva's three reheating furnaces and cutting capacity by 1,2 million metric tons at its plant in Taranto and closing its

factory in Bagnoli.

The amount of annual state aid allowed will remain at 4.8 trillion lire (\$2.86 billion). pending the privatization of liva, the commission said.

The buyer of the Taranto plant will be required to cut its capacity in the area of hot rolled products by an additional 500,000 tons, it said.

ECONOMIC SCENE

Europe Picks Up the Subatomic Pieces

By Barry James

ENEVA - Will Europe's ambitions plans for a new particle smasher fall into the same budgetary black hole as the defunct Superconducting Super Collider in Texas? For several reasons, it seems not. Although scientists in other fields sometimes grumble about the proportion of government budgets

devoted to particle physics research, there has been little outside opposition to the project. Still, the 19-nation European Laboratory for Particle Physics, known from its French initials as CERN, is making sure it does not have the budgetary rug pulled from beneath it. To make its case, the lab is arguing that subatomic research has many direct and indirect benefits for advanced economies.

The laboratory's proposed Large Hadron Collider "does not have such a high profile as the SSC project," said Graham Thompson, who teaches physics at Queen Mary College. Loudon. Nor is it in direct competition with something like the space station. The difference is that in the United States, people said that the SSC was being built instead of putting the money into welfare programs."

That either/or argument has not so far

been made in Europe, he said, The U.S. decision to retreat from the abstruse world of very high energy particle research was a shock to physicists, who argue that they need ever more powerful machines to probe to the heart of primordial matter and energy. The hadron collider will accelerand energy. The matron connect will acceler-ate protons to almost the speed of light and then collide them. By studying the effects of such interactions, scientists hope to win

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scription of planned experiments will be put to the council of member countries next Friday. At the end of the year, a new director-general of CERN, Chris Llewellyn Smith, takes over from Carlo Rubbia of Italy. By next April, scientists hope, the council will be in a position to approve the project, enabling the collider to start operating early in the next century. The organization's strength is its interna-

CERN is arguing that its research has many direct and indirect benefits for the advanced economies.

tionalism. While the Texas collider succumbed to a vote in Congress, none of CERN's members is able individually to stop a project approved by the council.

Although the cost at 2.5 billion Swiss francs (\$1.7 billion) is high, it is far less than the \$10 billion price tag on the U.S. machine. That is because the laboratory here already has an array of particle accelerators and detectors, and the hadron collider will fit inside an existing 72 kilometers (16.6 mile) turned. an existing 27-kilometer (16.6-mile) tunnel under the Jura Mountains in Eastern France.

The tunnel was built to house an electronpositron collider, which smashes lighter particles known as leptons. It was always planned to build a hadron collider at some stage in the tunnel.
"I haven't heard any statement that there is

no way we will get the Large Hadron Col-

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knowledge of the universe when it was only billionths of a second old.

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He added, "I do not think the council will abandon the project, but they will certainly put stringent conditions on the financing and

cut down on personnel."

Leon Lederman, a Nobel physics laureate, estimates that 25 percent to 30 percent of the industrialized world's economy stems from fundamental physics research.

Mr. Hoffmann is preparing a report on economic spin-offs for the International Committee for Future Accelerators, which represents particle physics laboratories around the world. He listed these economic spin-offs from particle research:

 Accelerator development. More than 1,000 accelerators are used for diagnosis and treatment in hospitals, and the World Health Organization says at least 10,000 such ma-chines are needed to meet world needs. Accelerators also are used in nondestructive testing, such as inspecting aircraft for cracks and

 checking baggage containers at airports.
 Computers. The Large Hadron Collider will exploit extremely complex computer technology. For example, each of its two detectors will have a data handling capacity greater than the entire world telecommunica-

tions network today.

Superconductivity. Magnetic levitation trains, such as the one announced in Germany this week, will use superconducting magnets.

• Vacuums. CERN is a world leader in

creating absolute vacuums, increasingly in demand for microelectronic applications.

Training Every year, CERN gives about 1,200 new scientists, including 20 percent from outside Europe, direct experience.

prevent any layoffs in 1994, 1995 or 1996," said Jan D. Pierce, vice president of the CWA District 1.

WHITE PLAINS, New York - Nynex Corp., moving to cut costs in the face of intensifying competition, could eliminate as many as 22,000 jobs, or 28 percent of its work force, over the next three years, a spokesman for New York Telephone said.

The cuts are part of Nynex's plan to reduce costs by as much as 40 percent over the next several years. Since the end of 1990, Nynex has reduced its workforce by 14,375, to 79,425.

Nynex's plan comes amid increased competition in the local phone market. Cahle television companies are upgrading networks to offer local phone services, fiber-optic companies are targeting Nynex's lucrative business customers, and new wireless technologies will compete for Nynex's cellular customers. Nynex, the regional Bell operating company that

serves New York and New England, may have a tough time slashing union jobs. The Communications Work-ers of America, which represents 40,000 Nynex em-

ployees, vowed to fight.
"We struck for 17 weeks in 1989 to prevent health-care cost-shifting, and we will fight even harder to

Mr. Pierce said Nynex will have trouble cutting that many employees while continuing to maintain its service quality standards set by the public service

A spokesman said that Nyoex hasn't determined the final number of jobs to be cut or when they will be announced. He said the number depends on several factors, such as whether Nynex will be able to offer cable television in the future.

Under the breakup of the Bell System, Nynex and the six other Baby Bells are prohibited from offering cable television services in markets where they provide phone services. Nynex has asked a federal court to declare a cable-television law unconstitutional and allow the company to offer cable service in the seven states where it provides local phone services. Analysts say Nyoex needs to cut 22,000 jobs be-

cause it has more employees in its telecommunications group per 10,000 telephone access lines than any other Bell company.

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Born in Germany, Dr. Gerhard Kurtz has been an investigative journalist most of his working life. His uncompromising style of journalism has caused many frauchulent bankers and cheating businessmen to try and suppress him through civil and criminal proceedings. Out of hundreds of legal cases over two decades he lost only one case - against the German authorities.

A confirmed cosmopolitan, Dr. Kurtz has been an Editor of several German magazines, a freelance contributor to "Spiegel", "Stern" and "Neue Revue" and has written several books and Reports including "218 Tax Havens", "How to Avoid Taxes", "How to Make Money" and "How to Gain Your Rights". He also published "Kurtz-Brief", a successful financial newsletter, and has written excret of "secret reports" on hot issues such as Tax Evasion within 30 working days.

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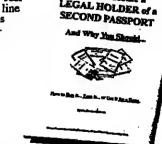
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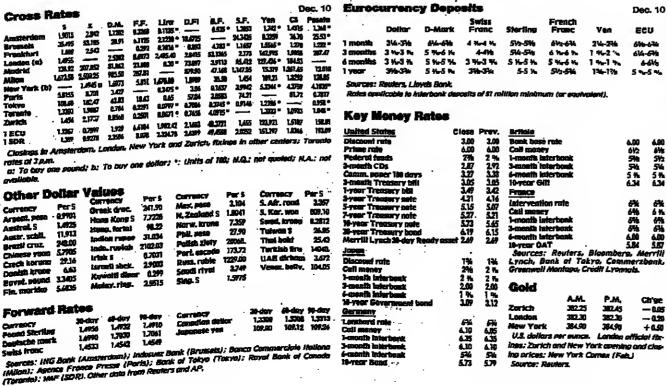
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MARKET DIARY

Dow Sets a Record **On Inflation Data**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The Dow surged to a new record Friday. spurred by a report of low inflation, but the broader market remained weak.

The Dow Jones industrial average advanced 10.89 points to 3,740.67, edging past the record of 3,734.53 set Wednesday. But declining issues outnum-bered advances by about a 9-to-7

N.Y. Stocks

change, and the NYSE composite index and the Nasdaq composite

were both slightly lower.
Volume on the NYSE dropped to about 245 million sbares, from about 283 million a day earlier. Consumer prices rose a modest 0.2 percent in November, the Labor Department said, after B 0.4 percent rise the month before. The figure, which was in line with market expectations, followed news Thursday of B flat reading in wholesale price inflation for No-

vember but a surprising 0.4 percent

rise in the so-called core rate, which excludes food and energy costs.

Analysts said the inflation reports generally confirmed widely held notions about the economy and therefore did not give traders a reason to buy or sell.

Among active issues on the Big Board, Borden rose ¼ to 18% a day after Anthony D'Amato resigned as its chairman and chief executive amid growing criticism of his role in leading the company through a

International Business Machines

tions eased 34 to 81% in heavy tradraise the stake in the takeover bidding for the media company.

after Lehman Brothers lowered its rating on the stock to "outper-form" from "buy" and removed it from its recommended list. The 30-year Treasury bond was

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advanced 1% to 5514. An analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds, Jay Stevens, raised his fourth-quarter earnings forecast for IBM to 60 cents a share from 45 cents. ratio on the New York Stock Ex-

Chrysler surged 3% to 56% in active trading after Salomon Brothers raised its forecasts for the company's earnings. But Paramount Communica-

ing after jumping Thursday in re-sponse to a Delaware Supreme Court decision that was expected to Ingersoll-Rand fell 1% to 36%

down 18/32 at 100 24/32, pressured in part by a rise of 1.41 points in the Commodity Research Bureau's index of 21 commodities futures prices as crude-oil futures

6.19 percent. (AP, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

European Currencies Gain Against Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar fell against most major European cur-rencies but climbed against the yen Friday in slow trading, as the market tried to read signals from the U.S. economy and the ongoing ne-gotiations on a new world trade

The dollar dropped to 1.6973 Deutsche marks from 1,7037 DM

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at the close Thursday, but climbed to 109,21 yen, from 108,66 yen. It also fell to 1,4540 Swiss francs. from 1.4650 francs the day before, and to 5.8110 French francs, from

The British pound was un-changed at \$1,4945. The yen weakened after the publication of the quarterly Tankan report on Japanese business sug-

gested a poor economic outlook. The Bank of Japan said the diffusion index for major manufacturing companies, an important gauge of corporate expectations for the economy, stood at minus 56 in November, down from minus 51 in August and barely above its record

low reached in 1976.
With interbank trading winding down in the final weeks of the year

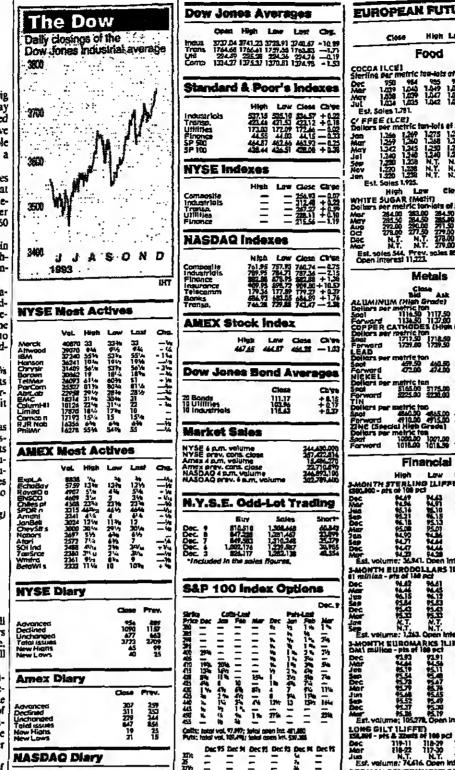
but a world trade agreement still hanging in the balance, dealers said the market could turn volatile. because smaller transactions will tend to have a bigger impact.

The dollar got some support Fri-day from news of further improvement in consumer sentiment in the United States, as the University of Michigan's index of consumer confidence was reported to have jumped to 87.7 in early December from 81.2 in November.

But news earlier in the day of continued low inflation in the United States had already undermined dollar sentiment. Low inflation makes it unlikely the Federal Reserve System will raise interest rates, so yields on dollar investments are likely to remain low.

"People think the dollar is due for a correction," said Ian Gunner, international economist at Chase Manhattan Corp. in London. He added that when investors see data like the consumer confidence survey, "it's very difficult to sell it."

Lee Ferridge, treasury economist at Natwest Capital Markets in London, said be expected a dollar rally "before the year-end." He said the currency was "just waiting for the trigger to make it bappen." (Knight Ridder, Reuers)



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No German Rate Cuts Soon

NASDAQ Diary

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FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank will not sanction any further interest rate cuts in 1993, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung said Friday. In an article to be published Saturday, the daily cited Bundesbank sources as saving the bank's council has no intention of cutting its discount or Lombard rates at its meeting Thursday. It said the decision.

Consumer Prices Rise Moderately WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — Consumer prices rose 0.2 percent last month as a modest rise in food and beverage prices was offset by a fall in energy costs, the Labor Department said Friday. The increase, which was in line with Wall Street expectations, followed a 0.4 percent increase in October. After stripping out the food and energy components, the so-called core rate of inflation was 0.3 percent last month, the same as in October. In the first 11 months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annualized rate of 2.8 percent, about even with the increase of 2.9 percent for all of 100?

the increase of 2.9 percent for all of 1992.

Separately, the University of Michigan's preliminary consumer sentiment index for December surged to 87.7 from 81.2 in November, people with access to the survey said. The reading was the highest since January, when it was 80 3 (Reuters, Bloomberg)

U.S. and Britain Adjourn Air Talks

LONDON (Reuters) - Talks on an "open skies" agreement between Britain and the United States were adjourned Friday until the new year, sources close to the talks said.

Sources close to the talks said.

A new meeting was set for Washington on Jan. 18, even though sanctions such as a ban on flights to Heathrow airport by American Airlines and United Airlines could be imposed as early as Jan. 12.

"They've got nowhere. It's still deadlock," an airline industry source said. Britain wants foreign ownership curbs on U.S. airlines lifted so British Air can step up its cooperation with USAir. The United States wants increased access to Heathrow.

Kaiser Aluminum Increases Charge

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — Kaiser Alaminum Corp., battered by depressed markets, said Priday it expected to take a fourth-quarter pretax charge of \$65 million to \$95 million for the previously announced restructuring of its Trentwood unit, among other items.

In the fourth quarter of 1992, Kaiser had net income of \$2.6 million, or 5 cents a share, on revenue of \$496 million. Last month, the company reported a third-quarter loss of \$21 million, or 42 cents a share.

At that time, it said expected to take a fourth-quarter charge of \$30 million to \$40 million for the restructuring of the Trentwood flat rolled products operation in Spokane, Washington. The charge now will be larger, but the company would not say what other items it would reflect.

Marion Merrell Raises Japan Stake

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Marion Merrell Dow Inc. said its Marion Merrell Dow KK unit in Japan had raised its stake in Kodama Ltd. to 38 percent from 20 percent and planned to raise it to 50

percent in early 1994.

It did not disclose financial terms. Kodama is a Japanese pharmaceuti(AFX, Knight-Ridder)

Stamps at Home, via Time Warner

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Time Warner Inc. said Friday it had reached an agreement with the U.S. Postal Service on a service that would allow some cable-television customers to buy stamps and envelopes from

Under the agreement for the service, which will be included in the interactive cable television network the company is building in Orlando, Florida, customers also could have packages picked up by the Post Office, Geoffrey Holmes, Time Warner's vice president for new technology, said. The Orlandu system is scheduled for operation in early 1994.

For the Record

Canadian Airlines and AMR Corp. said they reached a settlement with the Gemini computer reservation system over Canadian Air's proposed withdrawal from the system.

Prudential Insurance Co. of America was placed under review by A.M. Best Co., a major insurance rating agency, which cited uncertainties resulting from a limited-partnership scandal and risks in its property-casualty insurance business.

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Dec. 2 to set its short-term rate at 6.0 percent until Jan. 5 was a signal it wanted no further changes, the paper said.

The Bundesbank is expected to announce its 1994 M3 money supply growth target, set at 4.5 to 6.5 percent this year, at the Dec. 16 meeting. It is likely to be similar to this year's range, President Hans Tietmeyer said. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

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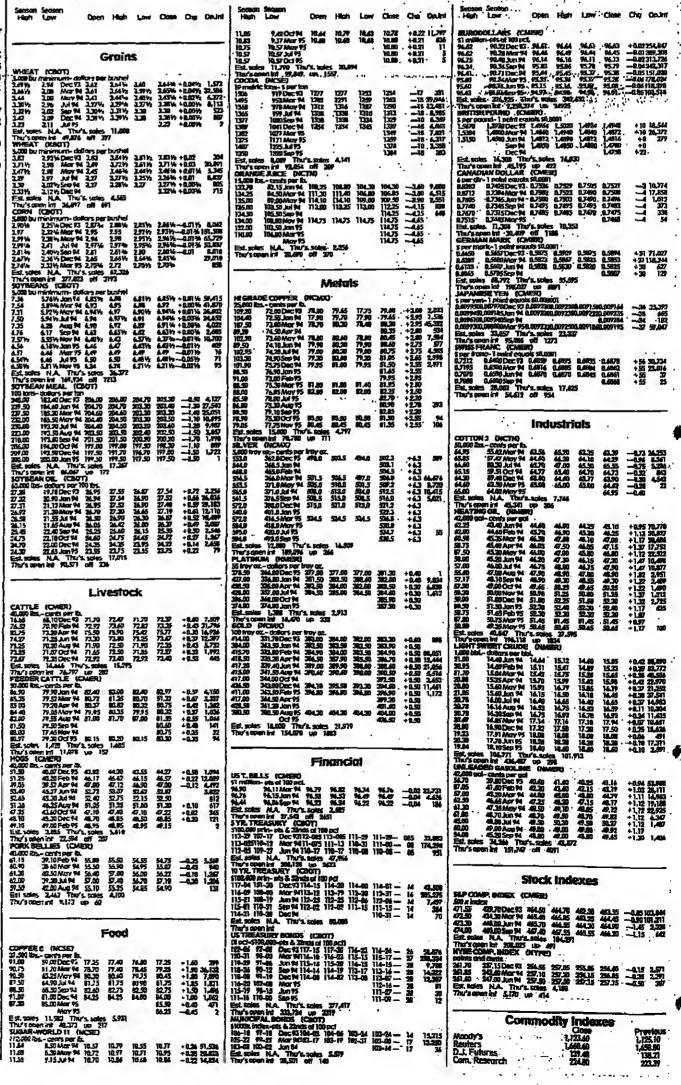
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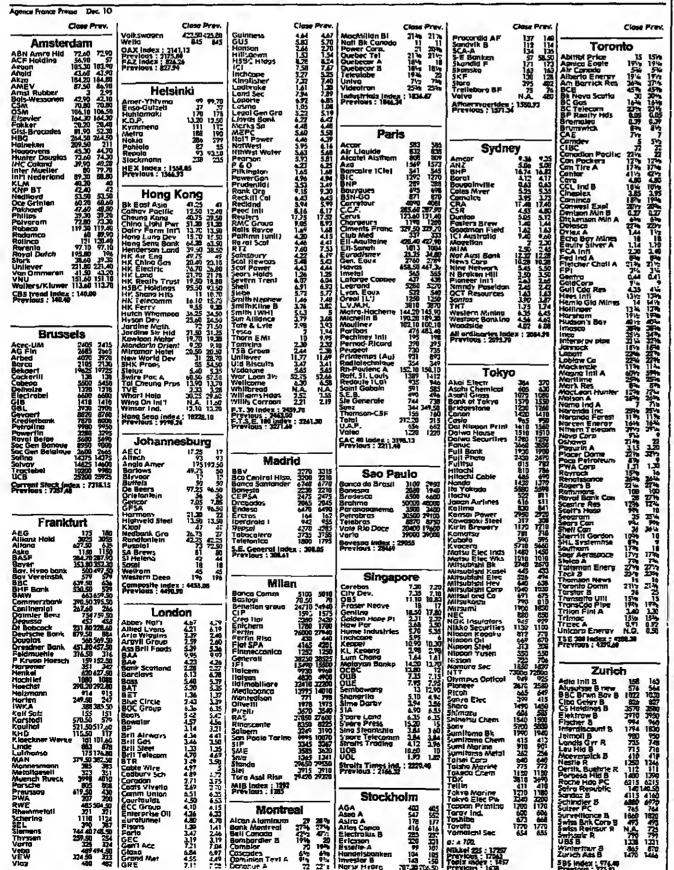
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STOCKHOLM — The government said Friday it had approved the sale of Gota Bank to Nordbanken, a day after the only other re-maining bidder had withdrawn its

Both Gota Bank and Nordbanken came under state control after suffering heavy losses during Sweden's crisis in its financial sector in 1992. Swedish press reports have said the two would be sold back to the private sector after they were

The acquisition, announced by Taxation Minister Bo Lundgren. will create Sweden's biggest bank in terms of market share of lending and deposits. It was approved after Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and Handelsbanken dropped out of the bidding this week.

Gota Bank's capital base has been maintained this year with the help of a state guarantee. Directors of Sweden's Bank Support Authority decided that before Gota Bank could be split into two parts and the healthy portion sold, the bank

would have to be recapitalized. According to the Bank Support Authority, Gota Bank needs a capital infusion of 3.1 billion kronor (\$373.1 million) to attain a capital

ratio of 9 percent. The minimum must attain is 8 percent.

Retriva, the company that will take over Gota's problem loans in 1994, needs 3.8 billion kronor in shareholders' equity, according to the Bank Support Authority. Government financing will be arranged for Retriva, and the state will pro-

vide a guarantee of 3.5 billion kro-Nordbanken, whose problem loans were placed in a unit called Securum at the beginning of this year, had an operating profit of 2.5 billion kronor in the first nine months of 1993. Gota Bank had a loss of 8.4 billion kronor in the

In addition, Gota Bank's current president, Per Lundberg, will leave his post at the end of the year.

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken ithdrew its bid for Gota Thursday. Svenska Handelsbanken, another Swedish banking company, also withdrew a bid this week, and GE Capital, a subsidiary of Gener-Electric Co, dropped out last

Separately, Standard & Poor's Corp. said it had assigned shortterm ratings of A-I to debt of Nordbanken units, with negative implications. (AFP, AFX, Reuters)

the Communications Ministry, said the regulatory reforms would provide "a platform for the creation of large French multimedia groups to the private sector."

television company, to join the top league of

radio and television station ownership. It

wants to foster the emergence of powerfu

media groups that will be able to compete

The new regulations will allow any share-

holder in the country's three privately owned

television companies to raise its ownership

stake to a maximum 49 percent, from 25

percent now.

The rules will position French media com-

panies better than ever before to vie for a slice

of the fast-growing global information and entertainment market, say government offi-cials, media executives and industry analysts.

nological race and the dismantling of regula-

tory barriers, the weakness of French televi-

sion will become blatant," said Pierre

Lescure, director-general of Canal Plus. Veronique Bouffard, a spokeswoman for

The French government has long been con-

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with foreign media companies.

large multimedia groups.

cerned about the popularity of American movies and television among its citizens. And PARIS — The government is preparing the way for Canal Plus SA, Europe's leading paythe race taking place in the United States to develop information superhighways, coupled with the development of satellites in Europe. is giving France's quest for media parity a

French Law Opens Way for Big Multimedia Groups

global media companies.

While France's negotiators to the world sense of urgency. trade talks were raising alarm over the threats "The Americans are on the verge of win-ning a definitive world monopoly," said posed by U.S. cultural hegemony, the nation's parliament approved a law on audiovi-Communications Minister Alain Carignon. sual ownership and management last week that lays the ground for the establishment of "I simply wish for one or two French companies to be able to play with the big boys." Canal Plus, the government believes, has the potential to lead France's counter-offen-France is joining other nations, including Britain and Turkey, in relaxing its rules on

sive in international media. "Only Canal Plus makes enough profit to

France is joining other nations in relaxing its rules on radio and TV station ownership.

invest for growth and diversification here and abroad." Mr. Carignon said. Since its introduction in 1984, Canal Plus's

blend of movies and sports, unique in France, has drawn viewers in ever rising numbers, making it the most profitable of the nation's three commercial, terrestrial TV networks.
Which companies, if any, might want to help imbue Canal Plus with the strength of a Time-Warner or a News Corp. is a question consuming the French media business.

The communications group Havas looks like the most probable investor, analysts say. Canal Pius's No. 1 shareholder, with a 23.5

stake to Audiofica, the company that controls Luxembourg-based Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Telecommunications, another of Europe's most powerful media companies. Havas also commands some of the country's largest publishing and media-buying compa-nies, and its Euro-RSCG unit is the largest advertising company in France and the seventh-largest in the world.

Havas does not have the cash necessary to buy an additional 25.5 percent stake in the broadcast and production company. But that can be easily overcome, analysts say.

Canal Plus's other large shareholders, the water and engineering concern Compagnie Generale des Eaux and the bank Societe Genrale, could give Havas their respective 20.4 percent and 5.1 percent stakes in Canal Plus in exchange for Havas shares.

The industrial logic of forming a multimedia group comprising Havas. Generale des Eaux, which is France's leading cable operator, and Canal Plus is compelling, experts say.

Canal Plus had oet profit of 676 million

francs (\$113 million) in the first half of this year, up 33 percent from a year earlier. It has predicted full-year earnings of 1.2 billion francs, 10 percent higher than in 1992.

In comparison, the popular Television Française I SA, or TF1, reported a profit of 281 million francs in the first half, down 14 percent. The third commercial channel, M6, had a profit of 120 million francs last year; it says it expects similar earnings this year.

At the end of September, Canal Plus had 5.5 million subscribers, with nearly 2 million outside France. It also had 80,000 customers for its satellite-delivery service.

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Very briefly:

• France's trade surplus swelled to 9.57 billion francs (\$1.64 billion) in September, after 2.90 billion francs in August, driven largely by industrial goods; inflation eased to a range of 2.1 percent to 2.2 percent in the year to November, after 2.2 percent in the year to October.

Dassault Aviation's chairman, Serge Dassault, said the company was halving the job cuts it has planned for 1994 to 250.

 Pearson PLC's sale of a 55 percent stake in its Camco International Inc. unit through an initial public offering raised £130 million (\$194 million). • Tiphook PLC, the troubled British ship container company, said the

proportion of its containers in use slipped to \$1.98 percent in November, from \$2.31 percent in October. • SKF Group, the Swedish ball-bearing maker, said its Spanish unit, SKF Española SA, would close its troubled manufacturing plant in Madrid next year; the facility employs 280 people.

 SNI-France, a unit of Siemens-Nixdorf Informations Systems, said it had a net loss of 446 million francs in the year that ended in September.

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SUMMIT: EC Tepid on Jobs Plan GATT:

Continued from Page 1 Community's budget, not necessarily to a shuffling of funds in favor of the farmers.

French officials also indicated that Mr. Balladur would be pressing Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany to drop his opposition to a strengthening of the Community's trade weapons, another Paris condition for supporting a trade deal, in exchange for concessions on EC support payments for German farmers, which face cuts because of the Deutsche mark's

Mr. Kohl's spokesman said Germany continued to oppose a pro-posal to give the commission new powers to impose duties on cutpriced or subsidized imports, but the subject was expected to come up at the leaders' dinner Friday and again Saturday at a breakfast meeting among Mr. Balladur, Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Kohl.

A dinner meeting between EC foreign ministers and Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade chief, to discuss trade weapons was called off abruptly to allow the ministers to debate a possible tightening of

sanctions on Serbia. Belgian sources said many conntries, led by Britain and the Netherlands, argued for tighter sanctions because of Serbia's hard-line stance against any territorial concessions for Bosnia's Muslims in the recent peace talks in Geneva.

Mr. Major's opposition to new EC borrowing had been widely expected. And Germany kept up its stiff resistance to any fresh borrowing, German officials pointed ont that half of an 8 billion European Currency Unit (\$9 billion) borrowing facility created by EC leaders a year ago remained unused.

The leaders were expected to defer the question of new money to a future meeting of their finance

Snag on Shipping

Continued from Page 11 fail today because the Hollywood lobby is more powerful than the French agricultural lobby," Mr.

Top officials from four big tradme nations plan to meet over the weekend in an effort to resolve the trade disputes. They are the U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, his EC counterpart, Sir Leon Brittan; Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata of Japan, and Trade Minister Roy MacLaren of Canada.

In Washington, Mr. Kantor said Friday that the "odds have certainly shifted in favor" of a successful conclusion to the GATT talks, but that "we are not there yet."

In other developments, Japan put off a final decision on allowing rice imports, as demanded by the United States and other exporters. (AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Smoothing Out Volvo's Ride

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service
LONDON — Volvo may have built its reputation on solid reliability and concern for safety, but its shareholders are enduring an uncharacteristically hair-raising ride.

The messy collapse earlier this month of its plan to merge its car and truck-building operations with those of Renault, owned by the French government, has left Volvo without a chairman, without a functioning board, and without enough long-term financing or a strategy for the next few critical years.

Amid the wreckage of the Renault deal, bowever, are signs that Volvo might be able to engineer a wholesale corporate restructuring.

Volvo is by no means assured of success. In an iocreasingly competitive industry, it is among the last independently owned companies of its size. Volvo sold just over 300,000 cars worldwide last year, about 6 percent of GM's annual sales of more than 5 million. Volvo has suffered through three years of heavy

losses in its car business, caused primarily by a sharp downturn in sales in its three main markets, Sweden, Britain and the United States. The company's production costs, by world standards, remain high.

Moreover, although its truck business remains healthy, Volvo faces difficulty raising the hundreds of millions of dollars it needs to begin developing its next generation of cars.

But if, as expected by analysts, the company shifts away from its diversification strategy of the last decade and begins selling some of its noncore holding such as its stake in a pharmaceutical company, it could at the least buy time to put its automotive operations oo sounder footing.

Volvo's B-class shares, the most heavily traded, closed in Stockholm on Friday at 483 Swedish krona, or about \$58, unchanged for the day but back at roughly the level they stood before the announcement of the merger with Renault sent them tumbling earlier

In the next year or two, Volvo's shares are likely to be supported by an earnings rebound that began this

The company is beginning to reap the benefits of a cost-cutting program. And with the economies of the United States and Britain bouncing back, vehicle sales in those markets have risen this year, helped by the totroduction of the full line of its new 850 series

Britain's Trade Gap Widens

LONDON - Britain's trade deficit nearly tripled in September as imports climbed 4.1 percent, the Central Statistical Office said Fri-

The trade gap widened to a provisional £1 billion (\$1.49 billion) from £347 million in August, the office said. The August figure was revised downward from an originally reported £419 million.

But economists warned that monthly figures were easily distoried by special items and said quar-

terly data provided a better picture of the trade balance,

"Underlying export volume is still outpacing import volume with the rest of the world." Sudhir Janankar, deputy director of economics at the Confederation of British Industry, said. "Our own information suggests our major competitors' unit costs are rising and Brit-

Exports in September fell to £10.31 billion from £10.52 billion, while imports rose to £11.32 billion

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Super Shares II? Murdoch Denies Talk of New Plan

SYDNEY - Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp., denied Friday what he

called "speculation" that he planned to formulate a revised "super-share" proposal for the media giant. The chairman also said that recent comments and reports that the company had been negotiating with multinational telecommunication concerns to take an equity

stake in News Corp. were false. Mr. Murdoch's statement came amid a flurry of speculation following News Corp.'s announcement this week that it decided to withdraw its controversial proposal to create a new class of shares with super voting rights.

The chairman told shareholders at the annual general meeting in October that the company was seeking the new class of shares to maintain current shareholder control of the company if it seeks a major new equity partner in the telecommunications industry.

On Wednesday, the company amounced that it had decided to withdraw the proposal from the Australian Stock Exchange be-

On that news, its shares shot up 85 cents to 10.84 dollars (\$7.29), after languishing for weeks during the controversy surrounding the proposal On Friday, the shares opened at 10.30 dollars, and ended

6 cents lower. In his statement, Mr. Murdoch said speculation by some commen-tators that News Corp. was formulating a revised super-share proposal was "definitely not the case."

He was referring in part to a report in the Australian Financial Review that said he had talked of issuing up to 700 million shares to a strategic partner, such as American Telephone & Telegraph Co.,

Mr. Murdoch said: "Comments and reports that the company has been negotiating with other corporations regarding equity are incor-

The super-share proposal met stiff resistance from many within the stock market who argued that the shares would strengthen the Murdoch family's grip on the company with a minimal financial out-(AFP, Bloomberg)

Daewoo Focuses on Cars Hands-On Chairman to Revamp Unit

SEOUL - The founder and chairman of Daewoo Group is heading for the suburbs in a bid to convert the car division of his sprawling con-

glomerate into its leading speciality.

The chairman, Kim Woo Choong, said he was personally taking charge of a project to streamline and restructure Daewoo Motor Co., the group's unlisted car-building subsidiary.

"I will personally take charge of the project and will move to Inchon City for one year," Mr. Kim said during a recent visit to the western port city. the focal point of Daewoo's car production.

A group spokesman said Mr. Kim was expected

to move there early next year after a round of

foreign business trips.
"Decision making will occur on location," Mr.
Kim said, signaling a departure from the oormal
style of centralized management common to South Korea's chaebol, or diversified conglomerates, in which affiliates compete for internal resources. Mr. Kim's move is in line with government calls

for the unwieldy chaebol to streamline their businesses and concentrate on core sectors. It is also the strongest indication to date that Daewoo has chosen the car industry as one of its

preferred fields of specialization.

Daswoo is involved in a multimede of other activities, including shipbuilding, electronics and electrical appliances, trading and financial services, but the days of the chaebol's unlimited business spread are numbered.

The government, worried that some conglomerates are overextended, recently said it would implement a plan to encourage the 30 top chaebol to

specialize starting oext year. The Trade Ministry said the top 10 conglomerates in terms of assets, including Daewoo, would be encouraged to select up to three industries upon which they would focus their business efforts. The 11th- to 30th-largest chaebol would be

urged to concentrate on a maximum of two sectors. Analysts predicted that Mr. Kim would bring about an improvement in the vehicle division. which ranks third in South Korean carmaking behind Hyundai Motor Co. and Kia Motors Corp. "In a capital intensive industry such as cars, in-

The move is in line with government calls for conglomerates to concentrate on core sectors.

vestment is a key factor," said an analyst at Jardine Fleming in Seoul. "Now Daewoo Motor will get preferential treatment in resource allocation." He said a lack of investment from Daewoo's former joint-venture partner. General Motors Corp., was the main reason for the break-up of their 50-50 alliance in October last year. The joint venture was originally formed in 1986.

Daewoo is not a bousehold oame in global car markets, but has gained recognition domestically. The company slipped from the No. 2 car slot to 1989, but analysts predicted that Mr. Kim would lead a move to retake that position from Kia. Daewoo Motor's annual production is set at

550,000 cars, but it is aiming for 1.24 million units

U.S. Warns Tokyo on Software Copyrights

The Associated Press

TOKYO — A senior U.S. offi-cial Finday criticized a proposal under study by Japanese officials that would limit the scope of software copyrights, saying it could lead to

unfair software copying.
The proposal is being considered by a committee advising the head of the Agency of Cultural Affairs.

which supervises copyrights.

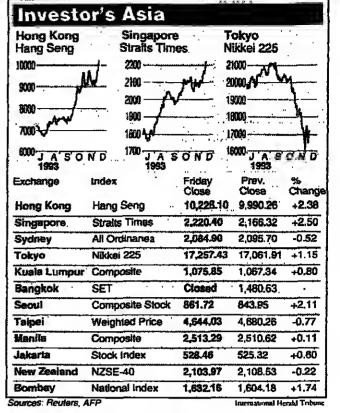
The U.S. official, who spoke on condition she not be identified. said the result of the possible Japanese change would be to "severely cripple" the rights of software mak-ers. She said Washington views the

issue with the "gravest concern."
One group of major U.S. computer and software firms, including International Business Machines Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. fear the committee might propose a law that would permit "decompilation" - the equivalent of taking apart another company's television set to figure out how they built it.

Decompilation would allow someone to look at the code of a computer program without being prosecuted for a copyright violation. By rewriting that code to prevent a charge of outright copying, a soft-ware maker could virtually dupbcate another company's software without breaking the law, said Mac Jeffery, a spokesman for 1BM.

But Steve Clayton, a lawyer in Tokyo tor the American computer company Sun Microsystems Inc., said decompilation is simply a process that is already permitted in Europe and has been upheld by courts in the United States.

Sun is part of another faction of American computer firms that supports the Japanese panel's reported direction. They believe it would make it easier for software makers to produce programs that could supplement and be compatible with existing programs.



Very briefly:

 Vietnam said it would allow local joint-stock finance companies and commercial banks to raise as much as 30 percent of their capital from foreign shareholders and would allow overseas Vietnamese individuals and companies to buy, transfer and inherit shares.

 India sold a 45 percent stake of its Industrial Finance Corp. on the stock market for 5.25 billion rupees (\$169,2 million), the first of a series of planned privatization sales in its banking sector.

 Porsche AG plans to set up a servicing network in India and later will seek to increase sales to take advantage of the opening of the Indian market. There are only about 25 Porsches registered in India now. Indonesian banks' bad debts at the end of September amounted to 3.3

percent of their 169.47 trillion rupiah (\$80.61 billion) in outstanding credits, the Jakarta Post said, quoting the central bank governor; that was up from an earlier estimate of 2.8 percent. South Korean, French and U.S. companies are among 187 construction concerns invited to bid on a Japanese project to build and operate the

nation's largest distribution center, at Yokohama port. China will tighten controls over foreign automakers' imports of compo-

nents for local assembly in a move to protect its own car industry, the China Daily newspaper said.

Renters, Knight-Rudder, AFP

Warburg Introduces Vietnam Derivative

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ing the rice market, would be able to fashion a mean-

ingful economic policy response.
Mr. Hosokawa's headaches were evident on Friday

when Tomiichi Murayama, chairman of the Social

Democratic Party that is the largest group in the coalition, urged the prime minister to maintain Ja-

"These numbers will help Mr. Hosokawa a bit,

although he cannot claim any credit." Ms. Sasaki-

That could reduce the scale of income this cuts that

are expected to be audited next week. The reductions are likely to fall several trillion yen short of the high-

by the Bank of Japan, which many believe is preparing
ity trim the official discount rate from the current
historic low of 1.75 percent. "The GDP numbers will
hinder the Bank of Japan from curring the discount
rate," Toshiaki Kitahara, a market analyst at Okasan

pan's ban on rice imports.

and estimates of 10 million yea.

HONG KONG - S.G. Warburg Securities (Far East) Ltd. introduced Friday the first derivative product to allow investors to tap Vietnam's growth prospects.

It said its Indochina Warrant, a call option into a basket of stocks in seven foreign companies doing business in Vietnam, would trade on the Luxembourg stock exchange.

Nippon Steel Considers a Plant in China

TOKYO - Badly in need of new high-growth markets, Nippon Steel Corp., the world's largest steel-maker, is looking into setting up a joint-venture steel plant in China.

Nippon Steel is considering setting up an electric furnace opera-tion with an unnamed steelmaker in China's central Jiangsu Prov-ince, a company official said. A project study will be completed early next year.

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project, the official said. Further details won't be available until the study is completed.

Analysts said Nippon Steel needs to get involved quickly in markets that offer fast growth potential, and a move toward production in China would be a good first

Nippon Steel needs to find somewhere to grow, and must en-

Tankan survey by the Bank of Japan that showed

business confidence had hit its lowest level since the

oil shock in the mid-1970s. The quarterly survey, also

foreshadowed further job cuts, sharply reduced expec-tations for recurring profits, and scaled-back capital

The November Tankan leaves no room for private-

sector or public-sector complacency," said Jesper Koll, economist at S.G. Warburg.

manufacturing fams, fell to minus 56 in November from minus 51 in August. The index compares the

number of companies expecting business to improve to those expecting it to worsen. Its all-time low was

While the number of companies reporting excess labor increased. Kagehide Kaku, director of the bank's research and statistics department, said companies were not planning: "drastic labor cutbacks." Japan's unemployment rate, now 2.7 percent, will rise to 3.2 percent by next summer, Mr. Koll said.

The survey's key indicator, the diffusion index for.

The pessimistic view was underscored Friday in the Economy Reheats

A leading trading house, Mitsui sure that growth follows new in& Co., will also take part in the
vestments, said Stephen Wolfe, makers oeed some fast-growing
analyst at Baring Securities (Japan)
markets to help balance speets.

With a construction boom fueling enormous demand for steel, China offers a market of vast potential for growth. With its abundant supply of cheap labor, the joint venture could serve as base for exports to other growing Southeast Asian markets

Analysts said Nippon Steel and

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try faces serious unemployment as large state industries slash bloated

urban work forces just as more

farmers leave the countryside for

the cities, Renters reported from

Mr. Li said new urban unem-

ployment during the first nine months of 1993 had reached

850,000, more than at any time

Beijing lacks meaningful em-ployment statistics for China's 1.2

many cases of joblessness are masked by official euphemisms such as "youth waiting for work." Nevertheless, the rising oumber of urban residents without jobs has

over the past six years.

Falling demand for steel at home and in major overseas markets, plus the appreciation of the yen. added up to huge losses for the five in the first half of the current finan-If the joint venture goes ahead, Nippon Steel would be the first

Japanese steelmaker to set up an electric furnace in China.

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FIRST COLUMN Auto Stocks Gleam Through the Gloom

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REMLINOLOGY is dead, but its spirit lives on. If you require confirmation of that look at the reporting of the negotiations leading up to what will undoubtedly be a successful conclusion of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade next week.

The events leading up to the deal have produced a mismatch between public pronouncements of rigidly entrenched positions and private diplomatic maneuverings of Nijinski-like flexibility. This column thinks the deal is done, as do the world's financial

But what a mass of dissimulation have the media had to sift through. The external signs from Geneva and Brussels have been on a par with detecting behavioral nuances in the grim lineup of geriatrics for the military parades in Red Square.

Throughout the final stages of the negotiations, we have had to guess at the realpolitik of the situation from a combination of terse communiques and the bellicose nonsenses of certain politicians beating the chauvinistic drum for their domestic audiences.

HE modifications to the deal have more symbolic than economic importance — as do the sectors of the economies over which the arguments have (officially) raged. It is easy to lose sight of the fact that agreement is made between many counties, not just Europe and the United States. What we have witnessed recently is the sorting through of detail, the massaging of egos. The conclusion of the deal will bring something real: a long-overdue boost to trade on a global scale.

But because the markets have already factored a successfully concluded agreement into their present prices, there will be no dramatic market changes on the signing of the deal. If, however, a significant hitch occurs, there might just be enough pessi-mism around to spark a minor panic.

And, of course, it's surprising how much gasoline can be ignited by just one little

By Aline Sullivan

HE eleventh-hour breakdown of merger plans between Renault of France and Volvo of Sweden at the beginning of this month prompted reams of press commentary on the depressed condition of the European automobile in dustry. But many industry analysts argue that the recession is now bottoming out, and auto stocks are poised for an upswing.

Investors should buy shares in European auto manufacturers now or in the next few months, the analysts said. All the gloom is obscuring the market's potential, and big cost cuts and curtailed production now should mean healthy profits within a few

Auto stocks soared earlier this year as investors anticipated the effects of lower industry rates and Europe's recovery from recession. But the recovery has so far failed to materialize and auto stocks have slumped once again. Analysts point out that there is now plenty of room for share values to

appreciate.
"As sure as night follows day, things are going to get better," said Keith Hayes, auto analyst at Merrill Lynch in London. "There may be some consolidation in the next few months, but shares will go up again. Few of the stocks are anywhere near their historic

iighs." Dagmar Bottenbruch, auto analyst at Crédit Suisse First Boston in Milan, expects the European carmakers to recover in the next two years, although substantial sales growth may be some time away. She is advising clients to buy shares in companies like Germany's Volkswagen and Italy's Fiat, with exposure to Eastern Europe. Soutbeast Asia and other emerging markets likely to generate strong sales in next few years. She is less keen on France's Peugeot, which has focused on the European market.

Not everyone is so cheery about the indusuy. Bob Barber, automotive analyst at James

The Europeans may benefit from consolidation. either through production and marketing agreements or mergers.

Capel & Co. in London, is advising clients to avoid European automotive stocks until the heginning of 1995.
"Sales will be down about 15 percent this

year and flat next year." said Mr. Barber.
"We should start to see a recovery in 1995 but it will be gradual. The industry won't

make up its losses for a number of years and

it is unrealistic to expects sales in other countries to replace losses in Europe." According to Mr. Barber, the current state of the European auto industry closely resem-bles that of the United States about a decade ago. Companies are being forced to make savage cost cuts but oversupply is likely to stay a problem for years, he said. The Japanese manufacturers are on target to raise their market share in Europe to about 16.5 percent by 1999 from the current 12 percent. Sales growth over the same period will be minimal or stagnant.

Like their U.S. counterparts a decade ago,

European manufacturers need to review their models and marketing, and streamline their production processes, said Mr. Barber. "The European industry needs to adjust to a period of nongrowth," he said. "We will only get the benefits of cost cuts when we move away from oversupply.

Companies are getting the message. Volkswagen of Germany, Europe's biggest car manufacturer, plans to cut its wage costs by 20 percent through the introduction of a by 20 percent through the introduction of a four-day working week in its German plants next year. Its Audi subsidiary wants to implement flexible hours and production-free periods after cutting 4,000 jobs this year. And SEAT, Volkswagen's Spanish subsidiary, is cutting 9,000 jobs, or 40 percent of its

Other companies, including Germany's Daimler-Benz and Fiat, are also making big cuts, but analysts say slimming down will bring most benefits to Volkswagen. "The fattest has the most weight to lose," said Ms. Bottenbruch of Credit Suisse. She said Volkswagen's restructuring plans make it attractive for investors now.

Philip Ayton, auto analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd in London, is also advising clients to huy Volkswagen shares. "It has the higgest potential for recovery," he said. "If the company can control costs over the oext few years, it should show the biggest share

Mr. Ayton also foresees improved earnings for the other major automakers, particularly Peugeot and Germany's BMW. "Shares in some companies may be slightly overvalned now but the longer-term potential is interesting as the companies address their capacity and manning problems," he said. "The revenue line is oot rising, so companies are attacking costs. That will work through hy 1995, when the bottom line should look reasonable."

Longer term, the European carmakers may beoefit from consolidation, either

through production and marketing agree ments or mergers. Fiat shares were volatile earlier this year on rumors that the company could be taken over, although nothing has come of the company's alliance talks. Chairman Gianni Agnelli said in October that he expect further consolidation in the industry. But the collapse of the proposed Renanti-Volvo merger illustrated the difficulties of

combining companies with strong national

'As sure as night follows day, things are going to get better. Few of the stocks are anywhere near their historic highs.

identities. Analysts point out that apart from Volvo, which is unlikely to merge with another company after its shareholders rejected the merger with Renault, the automakers in Europe are now all roughly of the same size, making mergers unlikely in the near

"Volvo was unusual in that it was a small company," said Mr. Barber. "The others all have about 12 percent of the market. Any two together would mean more get more than 20 percent of the whole European mar-ket. Even if it could be arranged, the [EC Commission] competition authorities would probably object."

So, investors should not set too much store by bid speculation. But bargains are still to be found. According to Keith Hayes at Merrill Lynch, investors should take their chances now and sell before the market turns down again in five years or so.

The crunch will come during the next downturn," he said. "The companies won't go into the next downturn with strong balance sheets like they had from the 1980s. And the European market will be entirely open to the Japanese. The potential is

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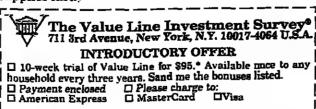
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Transferring Small Sums Looks Risky and Costly

By Barbara Wall

RANSFERRING small sums of money across borders is slow, prohibitively expensive and unreliable, according to BEUC, the European Consumer's Association. In a survey of 160 European banks, BEUC found the average transfer time for sending approximately \$150 from one EC country to another is six to eight days, and the cost, once bank commissions are added, is equivalent to 14 percent of the transfer value.

Moreover, the survey found that customers have little or no redress if payments are lost in the system. In the transfer exercise, three payments disappeared without trace and the banks concerned denied

responsibility for the losses.... Only Eurocheque emerged relatively unscathed from the report. BEUC concluded that Eurocheques are a convenient and costefficient method for sending small amounts of money, up to the Euro-cheque cleaning limit. But it added that Eurocheques were not designed for remote payment, and if a signed for remove payment the post, the originator's right to redress might be limited.

Alarmed by the BEUC report, hich was published in Antumn 1992, the EC Commission has since completed its own study. The results, published last August, show that little has changed in the inter-vening period. The commission tested 1,000 transfers of approxi-mately \$100. Some 70 percent of the bank agencies contacted did not provide any written information on their money transfer ser-

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vices, and the average cost was equivalent to 20 percent of the transfer value compared with just ! percent for domestic transfers.

"Traditional methods used for volved in the plan guarantee transferring money overseas are detransfers within a specified time "Traditional methods used for signed for corporate clients," according to an industry spokesman. "Most banks admit that there is a banks concerned, you are advised problem with low-value transactions, but the demand is simply not strong enough to justify changing current systems in favor of individ-

Nonetheless, several banks have already responded to the challenge and developed their own interna-tional networks.

Royal Bank of Scotland was one of the first to set up a service for low-value money transfers. Introduced in 1991, IBOS, or interbank on-line system, is an instant money transfer system that allows individ-uals and small businesses to trans-fer money between 800 Royal Bank branches in Britain, 1,200-Banco Santander branches in Spain, 180 Credit Commercial de France branches in France and 90 Banco de Comercio e Industria branches in Portugal.

"We were keen to develop a sen-sible strategy for Europe," said a company spokesman, "By electronically merging the Royal Bank network with partner banks in Europe, it will be as if all customer accounts are on the same computer system. "Funds are transferred immedi-

ely and customers will know upfront the total cost of the transaction as costs have been agreed between the Royal Bank and its

The Tipa-Net system, set up by the Cooperative bank and partner banks in France, Germany, Bel-

gium, Italy and Canada, offers a similar low-cost service for individnals. It is unable to offer instantaneous transfers, but the banks inperiod for a flat fee of \$7.55. If you do not have an account with the to allow an extra four days, beyond the time limit specified, for delivery

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at ways of offering a more compre- did, however, stress that the new international clients.

launch a cross-border payment sys-tem that will allow individuals and businesses to transfer and receive

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the United Kingdom is also work- money between member banks of ing on a cross-border payments the Visa network.
plan for low-value transfers. In "Visa account holders can use plan for low-value transfers. In to be launched early next year.

Bank charges for foreign currency mestic payments."

July, it announced separate bilater- their cards to pay for goods and agreements with Commerzbank services in most countries," said Germany and Société Générale Jon Prideaux, international money in France. The service, which is transfer manager for Visa. "The available to account holders, is due next logical step is to introduce a system which allows customers to Although pricing has not yet make and receive cross-border pay-been agreed upon, a bank spokes-man said that fees will be "substan-ments represent a tiny fraction of tially lower than those currently all bank transactions, they are in-levied on foreign currency drafts." creasing at a higher rate than do-

drafts range from \$15 to \$75 de-pending on the bank and the sum transferred.

The Visa Transfer System is due to go live in Europe at the begin-ning of next year. Mr. Prideaux

These programs have filled a gap said it would be cheaper than other in the market, but geographical restrictions may ultimately blunt unable to comment on the actual their competitive edge. Credit card cost to the cardholder as member companies and nonbank institu- banks will set their own charges tions, for example, are also looking and currency exchange rates. He hensive money transfer service to system will guarantee a safe transfer of money within four to five Visa International plans to days and charges will be clearly

> OR money transfers outside Europe, individuals may be hard pressed to find comparable services. instantaneous transfers can be arranged through American express "Moneygrams," available at 12,000 locations in 60 countries. However, the charges are fairly steep for lowvalue transactions. Calculated on a sliding scale, the fee for transfers of between \$100 and \$300 works out at about \$35; a transfer of between \$1,000 to \$2,500 will set you back \$95, and \$150 is the set fee for transfers of between \$5,000 to \$7,500. The maximum amount that can be transferred via a "Moneygram" is \$10,000.

Funds can be retrieved by the recipient in cash, traveler's checks or transfer checks subject to local restrictions, the main drawback heing that the funds received will be in American dollars. If the recipient requires another currency, funds will have to be changed at a local exchange bureau. if you are prepared to wait a few

days for delivery, an Amex money transfer order is by far the cheapest option. With this system, money can be sent through the post for a flat fee of \$2. Here the currency is restricted to American and Canadi-

Take Notes: It Can Be Costly If You Leave Without Them

By Joshua Shapiro

OING overseas requires lots of careful planning: Passports, visas, shots, tickets, reservations, itineraries, clothing for each occasion and climate. Too often missing from the to do list is bringing foreign currency — a cost-

Taking an AT&T, Chemical Bank, or MBNA Visa card might be the best bet for purchasing foreign goods and services. The retail change booths like the popular "Checkpoint" are always highly unfavorable to the tourist.

Depending on the currency, the amount of currency being exchanged, and the commissions and surcharges, as much as a third of the value of the dollars being exchanged may be lost. Coming on top of the trend towards z weak-ened dollar, this can be an unpleas-ant beginning to a vacation or busi-

U.S. residents going abroad have an edge. Their credit cards provide SOUICES. Creating an economical alternative. Unlike commercial money changers that give retail rates for buying and selling currencies, credit card companies use wholesale interbank rates usually reserved for foreign ex-change transactions exceeding a million dollars.

U.S. card providers like Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Diners Club each add a one percent commission on purchases, but this remium is low compared to paying in cash bought at retail rates from a Cambio, Change, Wechsel, or bank. Visa or MasterCard accounts offered by banks in Canada. Europe, and Japan typically charge actual amount of this charge must be disclosed in the fine print of the card bolder agreement.

During times of currency rate flux, it is important to note that the conversion rate in effect on the day of the card purchase is not generally the one that will be used in preparing the monthly statement. The rate applied is the one on the date when the merchant submits their receipts to the card network for payment. This is termed the "clearing date." The customer is given the "posting date" which is when the purchase is charged to their account. This is generally the same as, but may be sometimes later than, the clearing date.

For some large urban merchants,

that submit their bills electronically less favorable rates than either Visa to MasterCard or American Ex- or MasterCard. press, the clearing date might even be the same day as the sale. But for for rates, banks report different most merchants, this would be sev- transaction information oo montheral days later. For shops in outly-

When the value of the dollar is stable, the time to clear the charge only has the affect on which billing cycle the charge will appear. But when the value of the dollar is strengthening, the longer the time to post the charges, the better for the purchaser, for it results in lower

might take longer than a week.

Likewise, when the dollar is drastically falling, it is much better

Each card provider sets their exchange rates using a variety of different the potential for differences between cards.

clears his receipts daily. In either case, customers have the advantage of having the use of their money until after the next card statement

Each card provider sets their exchange rates using a variety of different sources, creating the potential for differences between cards, Several sources might even be blended to come up with a rate. making it impossible for a consumer to know what rate will be used.

bave, in general, over time comparable and competitive rates, a careful detailed check of rates of four pound, German mark, French though some of the card companies franc, Japanese yen) during a full provide this service ton. Ultimately, the card companies in effect at Visa and MasterCard will start drawing consumers at-(American Express refused to cooperate with this survey) indicates rates and settlement processes that Visa typically offered slightly more favorable rates, particularly for Japanese ven

can Express consistently offered ting excited about the situation

Besides using different sources ly customer statements. Having acing areas, clearing paper receipts cess to all the information, makes reconciling foreign-denominated receipts to dollars much easier. Of the major card issuers, Chemical Bank, MBNA America, and AT&T Universal Card provide the most comprehensive reporting.

So, except in the special case of a rapidly falling dollar, the consumer's most economical strategy is to charge as many overseas expenses as possible and settle the credit card bill immediately. For the miscellaneous items like cabfare and tips that are generally paid in cash, enerally the least expensive way to buy foreign currency is using either a bank card against a U.S. checking account or a debit card at an auto-mated teller machine in each for-

IFFERENT issuers also provide various overseas. MasterCard has recently made special arrange-ments for cardholders with 1,600 Thomas Cook offices that can, for example, change airline reserva-

American Express has for years had its own travel offices that provide cardholder services such as providing a maildrop. AT&T and MBNA both accept collect calls from cardholders overseas. Interest on the balance due and the annual card fees vary by card issuers, Recently, AT&T offered the lower in-

terest rates and annual fees. Some industry observers regard the way credit card companies do business as being somewhat clubby: "The fact some card companies bother to provide the exchange rate on their client statements and oth-Although providers claim to ers don't, bardly speaks well for the efficacy of market forces," said one

"The main battle is being fought major world currencies (U.K. with travelers checks - even

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Discount Brokers Tap World's Craving for Stocks

By Baie Netzer

UROPE'S rush to privatize state-owned companies has brought a flood of new interest in stocks from individual investors around the world. As a result, American and British "discount" brokers are racing to win the business of international investors who want to buy and sell securities as cheaply as possible. Some discounters are even offering special services for international clients.

On average, discount brokers sions that are 50 percent lower than commissions for "full-service" brokers, according to Mark Coler, editor of a discount brokerage directory published by Mercer Inc. in New York. But while full-service broadvice, discount brokerage clients Schwah's U.K. client base, down search reports and often buy and sell stocks over the telephone or via a computer program.

count brokers, Charles Schwab and and low-cost mutual funds, inves-Fidelity, have already opened of-fices in London to serve U.S. expa-stocks or bonds as cheaply as possi-wave of first-time investors into triales as well as non-U.S. citizens. ble may find the lowest commis- their offices. To accommodate Both companies offer toll-free tele-sions at so-called "deep-discount-these customers, Barclays' "Share phone lines from a number of ers' in the United States. These Shop Dealing Service" allows in-

countries. However, Charles include firms such as Kennedy Schwab deals only in U.S. securi-Cabot and Pacific Brokerage. ties while Fidelity will trade stocks

from around the world. "We initially thought of our London office as a place to serve U.S. expatriates," says Tom Taggart, spokesman for Charles Schwab. "But we've found that a major part of our business now comes from non-U.S. citizens who want to trade in American stocks."

Contacting these brokers will mean paying the price of a tele-phone call to the United States but 'deep discounters" charge about half of a discount broker's commission and about 75 percent less than a full-service broker, according to Mr. Coler.

In addition, a number of British

Investors who simply want to trade stocks charge their customers commiss or bonds as cheaply as possible may find the lowest commissions at so-called 'deep-discounters' in the United States.

kers work one-on-one with clients. Indeed, U.S. customers now ac- banks and stockbrokers offer "exeand provide a range of investment count for only 50 percent of cution only" trading at lower-thanmust generally pay extra for re- from 80 percent when the office

opened last February. While Charles Schwab and Fidelity can offer customers extra existing business in U.K. stocks. Two of the largest American dis- conveniences such as check writing

average commission charges. For instance, ShareLink, Europe's largest discount brokerage, recently added trading in U.S. equities to its

At Barclays Bank, spokeswomen Di Skidmore says advertising for wave of first-time investors into

ish company stocks for a minimum

nmission of £15 (\$23). lovestors searching for the dis-count broker that best suits their needs must first consider what they plan to buy, how much information and personal contact with a broker they need, and what conveniences they are willing to pay extra for. Any of the American discount brokers can deal in U.S. equities; how-

ever, not all will offer trading in

worldwide markets. Research reports usually cost extra. Charles Schwab, for instance, charges \$6.75 to mail a research report and \$13 to fax it many of the so-called "deep discount" brokers do not provide any research at

For clients of U.S. discount brokerages, computer trading may provide the best deal of all. While there are usually initial charges for the software and a per-minute charge for the amount of time a user spends on line, most discounters cut their commissions for com-puter trading. Charles Schwah takes 10 percent off its commissions for investors who trade using its "Equalizer" program, while Pa-cific Brokerage charges only 2 cents per share in commission for trades executed via computer.

"About 10 percent of our computer trading is generated by U.S.

vestors to trade in 52 different Brit-ex-pats," said Lesley Zuke, spokesman for Quick & Reilly. The company says most of the international computer trades originate in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Japao and

Guam. Investors should also ask about annual "maintenance" fees when opening an account. Fidelity charges its London customers a £50 maintenance fee. However, most deep discount brokers who do not offer conveniences such as check writing or 24-bour service will not

charge an annual fee. Few expatriate investors look carefully enough into the costs of investing, according to one Paris-based accountant with a client base of many U.S. nationals: "I think it's a function of convenience," he said. "With the distance and the difference in time zones, many of my clients are just happy to have a voice they're comfortable with on

the other end of the phone." He ascribes this "partial blind-ness" to the cost of securities dealing to an attitudinal problem:
"There's a different set of expectations attached to investing money for gain and saving tax. People see investing as a speculative business, and don't worry ton much about the cost of playing with their assets. Whereas when they're trying to minimize liabilities, no cost is too trivial to query."

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Once the subscription period is closed (ends Dec. 14), to new subscriptions are taken by the fund. Charges are low at 2 percent initially, with an additional 0.3 percent of oet performance. Minimum investment is 11,600 French francs (\$2,200).

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East German Properties Flop at Auction in Berlin

Prospective buyers turned up their noses at the East German properties on offer at Sotheby's recent real estate auction. Of the 16 properties up for bids, ranging from a Bauhaus residence in Leipzig to rundown apartment buildings in East Berlin, all but one were sold for less than the appraised values or failed to attract any bids at all.

A local property dealer who attended the Berlin auction said that renovating many of the apartment houses would be a difficult financial proposition due to strict tent con-

The Bauhans residence, whose total worth, including furnishings, was estimated at \$1.8 million German marks (\$1.05 million), remained unsold, possibly due to the fact it is protected as a national monument both inside and out.

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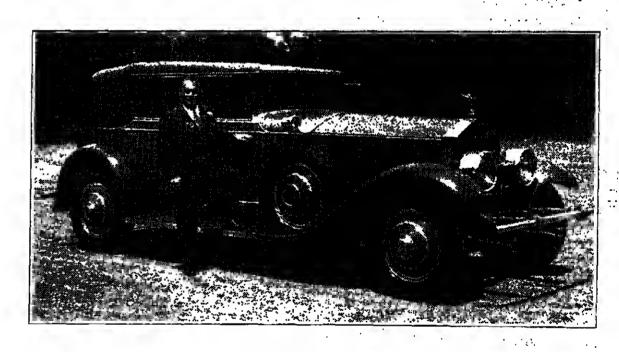
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Nest Eggs and Their Predators

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By Philip Crawford

T HAS been said that a ficapable of bringing joy -or disaster - into an investor's life. Yet, selecting someone with whom to entrust things such as one's life don. "When that happens, it gives savings is often carried out haphazardly, say experts, without suffiin Britain, the Financial Services
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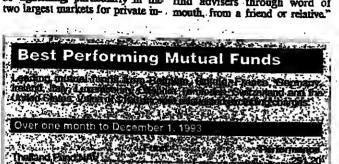
Half of the problem may be that much of the investing public is rela-tively naive regarding the topsy-turvy world of international markets, unaware of what to look for in an advises, or what to be wary of. Horror stories of nest eggs lost to shady counselors abound

But experts say that a little effort by investors, particularly beginning ones, can mean the difference between financial catastrophe and a good working relationship with a talented, authorized professional Government help may also be on the way: Regulatory controls on those who call themselves professional financial advisers appear to sional financial advisers appear to the reason is that so many people be tightening, particularly in the find advisers through word of

vestment counseling, the United Kingdom and the United States.

There have indeed been too everyone a bad name.

of one firm or financial group. "The average British investor still doesn't understand the difference between an independent and a tied agent," noted Penman Linton, a tied agent at the insurance concern Lincoin National (U.K.) PLC. "And



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nancial adviser, apart from many cowboys in the industry, and family and friends, is most people have lost a lot of money,"

people have lost a lot of money, said Roger Gonsalves, a director of Holden Matthews, a firm of independent financial advisers in Lon-

Act of 1986, which came into force in April 1988, laid down a framework for the policing of the securities industry. Among the provisions was a system involving basically two types of financial counselors: independent financial advisers, authorized to recommend (though not necessarily to trade in) investment products of any origin, and tied agents, authorized to recommend and sell only the products

One starting point for people seek-ing an adviser, say British analysts, is to interview advisers of both types of subregulatory groups like FIM-BRA and IMRO does not exist. As a result, there are no uniform reto get a feeling for the difference quirements for people selling investment advice. Anyone who tween the two approaches. wants to hang out a shingle calling himself a professional investment

adviser may legally do so.

"Because the field is so loosely

regulated, it's an ideal place for con artists," said Barbara Roper, a fi-

nancial specialist with the nonprofit

To be sure, there are distinct qual-

ifications that many U.S. financial

ignations such as Certified Financial

Planner (CFP) and Chartered Fi-

nancial Consultant (CHFC). Ana-

lysts in the United States recom-

mend that anyone looking for an

adviser seek out someone with at

takes its toll, say watchdog groups. Consumers Digest, a Chicago-

based magazine, reported earlier this year that fraudulent or poor advice costs investors about \$1 bil-

lion a year. Much of that advice, said John Wasik, an editor at Con-

and tax-preparers who are self-pro-

ment professionals should be hap-

py to provide details of their

structures - as well as personal

references — to prospective clients.

Anyone hesitant to do so, she said,

claimed financial advisers

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Consumer Federation of America.

Also established in the Financial Services Act were a phalanx of reg-ulatory agencies, with the Securities and Investments Board, or SIB, at the head. Bodies such as the Financial Intermediaries, Manag-ers and Brokers Regulatory Association (FIMBRA) and the Investment Management Regulatory Organization (IMRO), to which anyone calling himself an invest-ment adviser must belong, were and subsequent exams can earn descreated to police certain areas of securities dealing. Experts say that investors shopping for an adviser should check first with the SIB.

Despite the new framework, however, British watchdog groups report that complaints about investment counselors continue to roll in Earlier this year, the London-based Consumers' Association published a report titled "How Mortgage Advisers Can Rip You Off," which concluded that inaccurate or misleading advice was common and that advisers often recommended the product that would earn them the highest commission regardless of the client's needs.

The SIB, while insisting that in-competent or dishonest financial advisers represent a small minority of those in business, nonetheless acknowledges that bad apples are out there. But tighter controls appear imminent. "There is obviously a need to ensure that advice given to investors is of a good and high standard and is consistent between sectors," said Pamela Marshall, an SIB spokeswoman, "More comprehensive regulations for financial advisers, which involve ongoing training and the demonstrating of competence, will go into effect on

In the meantime, the SIB says that those in the market for a financial adviser should beware of counselors who promise extraordinary rates of return, use high-pressure sales tactics, insist that an investment be made immediately, or advise putting everything into one investment. A free booklet entitled least those who are the least depen-"How to Spot the Investment Cow- dent on commissions." boys," is available through the SIB.

The United States appears to be only" financial udvisers in the United bit behind the United Kingdom ed States, call the National Associain policing financial advisers. While the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, plays published by the Securities and In-the role of overall regulator for the vestments Board in London, call the role of overall regulator for the vestments Board securities industry, the framework 44.71.638.1240.



blame for his government's policies by saying that his words were his own but his actions were those of his ministers. For today's private investor, choosing a financial adviser is almost as difficult as choosing a minister was for Charles II.

For the very rich, the choice is usually among the private banking services offered at most commercial banks. But those with less money can still find plenty of specialist, rather than generalist, intermediaries to chose from. And there are numerous options in between. The question for most middle-range investors is whether to be a small fish in a big pond or vice versa.

Thresholds vary for access to private banking services offered by major banks. In the United States, Citibank requires clients to have a net worth of more than \$1 million. excluding the value of their principal residence. Credit Suisse requires a total net worth of 250,000 Swiss francs (\$170,000) for domestic investors and of about 1 million francs for foreign clients. For such customers, the banks will dole out advice on a wide range of investments from mortgages and pensions to foreign currency exchange

and stock portfolio management. But investors who haven't reached such rarefied heights of affluence can still obtain private advisory services. There are plenty of niche players around who special-

as those with between about land used to evade \$50,000 and \$100,000 to invest. Many such counselors, moreover, claim they provide a better, more personalized service than large

> Nick Sutton, of the London financial advisory firm RFCL Ltd., said his company could provide a gamut of advice on investments ranging from mortgages to offshore tax havens. Many RCFL clients. he said, are young lawyers or comput-er professionals who tend to be "high income" rather than "highnet-worth" individuals.

> There are two main reasons, Mr. Sutton said, for midlevel investors to choose a specialist adviser over a large bank. "The big bouses are unlikely to look at someone unless they have a certain minimum wealth," he said. "Also, the bigger players tend to sell only their own products. Investors should make sure that these are the best in the marketplace."

> Eddie Grossman, a partner at Martin Greene Ravden, a London accounting firm, concurred that smaller advisers were often better placed than their larger counterparts to arrange investment prod-ucts for medium-net-worth elients. But some investors, be added, are often tempted by forbidden fruit.

"Once people know they can't qualify for the services of, say, Merrill Lynch, that is what they desperately want," he said. "And ing the small firms just by default,

"But the best advice isn't necesbut that which provides you with the best ripe of investments for your purposes. There's no point in high returns if you can't get to your money when you want it."

According to Mr. Grossman, the large hanks prefer high-net-worth clients because the banks like the ability to diversify investments that large sums on deposit offer them. The spread of a million-pound client's portfolio is 10 or 20 times that of a smaller investor's," he said. 'Also, some of those investments are not going to be profitable, and that is more worrisome for the smaller client than for the big play-

Everything depends on the investor's level of sophistication." Mr. Grossman added. "Some clients would have to take tranquilizers if their money was with Merrill

But many major banks are fighting back, offering products aimed at individuals who are comfortably off, but not hugely wealthy. One Swiss banker, who insisted on anonymity, said that the convenience of one-stop shopping for financial services was likely to outweigh the an issue for all investors, not just personalized attention available from the niche operators.

François Poudelet, a lawyer at the Paris legal firm Gide Loyrette the collapse of BCCI," said Mr. Nouel, said that interest in all levels Sutton. "Firms like ours, which of private banking in France was don't hold clients funds, never put growing rapidly. "All the banks are investors in a situation where all

wealthy clients." he said. Many acsarily that which makes you the niche intermediaries will be hardmost amount of money right away, pressed to compete against this new range of banking services.

Citibank, which says it manages assets of \$75 hillion for about 74,000 private banking clients, of-fers a service called Citigold to clients with at least \$100,000 on de-

"Citigold clients are not quite private banking clients hut are more affluent than most of our customers." said a Citibank spokesman. "They receive many of the same services that the private hanking clients do, including help with stocks and honds, morigages and other investments."

Security is another big concern among small and mid-level investors who are considering the services of a niche intermediary, seen hy some as riskier than major bankers with well-known names. In Britain, those risks were recently hrought to light by the trial of a financial adviser. Roger Levitt. who was accused of retaining clients' funds to keep his own company afloat.

for those choosing small firms. "Investors should counterbalance the Levitt situation against events like

Offshore, the Banks Are Competing for **Investors' Foreign Currency Deposits**

By Rupert Bruce

RADE agreement or no sumers Digest, typically comes trade agreement, the world is becoming more from people such as securities dealers, accountants, insurance agents and more international. A corollary to that is an increase in demand for foreign currency off-Alice Lawrence, a Massachu-setts-based CHFC, said that investshore deposit facilities. Whether it be expatriates who are paid in one currency but save in another, people with houses in more than one background, experience and fee country, or simply small businesses with offshoots abroad, the demand is there and getting stronger. Graham Barker, the executive

should make an investor suspidirector of Fidelity Investments International, who is in charge of the Miss Roper stressed inquiring Bermuda and Luxembourg-based ranges of Fidelity Money Funds. about fee structures as a way of weeding out candidates. "Most fisays his investors come from 85 nancial advisers sell on commiscountries. In the month of Novemsion, and if their income depends ber, he registered transactions from on that, there's an obvious clash in out-of-the-way countries like Betheir own interests and those of the elient," she said, "Investors should lize, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, and Gambia, quite apart look for 'fee only' advisers, or at from the ma stream

For further information on "fee few of the larger international investment management companies have geared up to meet the growing tion of Personal Finance Advisers on 1.800.366.2732. To obtain booklets demand and offer competing services. They have accounts and funds in a broad range of currencies, which either accumulate or distribute interest. Broadly speaking, the banks tend to offer more pledged for one month a similar knobs and whistles. They also offer

better rates to larger depositors.

Barclays Bank's international departmen) in Jersey, for example, gives holders of its current accounts a checkbook if they so wish and grants loan facilities. Most money-fund administrators, on the other hand, will only transfer money into another bank account belonging to its account bolder. And, of course, they are not in the busi-ness of making loans. As for the rates, at the beginning of this week, money funds were typically offering dollar rates of just over 2 percent gross, while Barclays was offering a rate of just 1 percent on its broadly comparable deposit ac-

But the banks tend to offer a sliding scale of rates according to how much money is in the account and how long it is pledged for. Money funds tend to offer a fixed regardiess. So, as you go the scales of time and money, the rates offered by banks improve to the point where they exceed those offered by money funds.

Taking this week's figures again. Barclays' international department in Jersey would pay a dollar depositor with \$25,000-\$49,999 pledged for two months or \$50,000-\$99,999

pledged for one month a similar rate to those paid by the money funds, a little more than 2 percent. But a depositor with a balance of \$250,000 plus pledged for 12 when a currency is seriously out of months would earn as much as 3.44 line, as the dollar was 18 months

Barclays' larger and longer-term accounts, and those of many other banks, is eroded by electronic transfer fees. Mr. Barker says that banks also take a relatively large amount of commission on foreign exchange transactions and perform them at uncompetitive rates. Fidelity recently conducted a

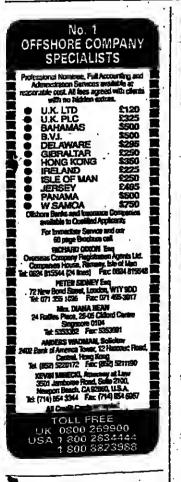
vey in which it changed £10.000 (\$15,000) into German marks and put it into a German bank account. It did this through the four largest onsbore British banks and its own

marketing manager of Rothschild Asset Management, which runs the Old Court range of International Money Funds based in Guernsey. these transfers can matter a great tors are small-time currency specu- fund would bave returned 30.19

ago, then you do see significant Things are not as simple as they flows of money into that currency seem, bowever. The advantage of waiting for it to strengthen," Mr. waiting for it to strengthen," Mr. Rees said.

> For those depositors who want someone to do the speculating for them, there is a variety of managed currency funds with different base currencies. Mr. Rees, who has four at Rothschild, says these funds are run with the aim of making money against the base currencies.

In Rothschild's case, the base currencies are: the Deutsche mark, sterling, dollar, and a theoretical basket of major currencies that is a money funds. On average, it found third dollar, a third Deutsche mark, that it cost 1.68 percent more to and n third yen. Bul often, these complete the exercise through the managed funds actually lose value against their base currency. Ac-In the experience of Peter Rees, cording to Micropal, the investment fund monitoring company, the Old Court managed U.S. dollar fund has performed well during the last five years. An investment in it would have returned 34.42 percent deal to some customers. He says that some of Rothschild's deposition while the straight dollar deposit







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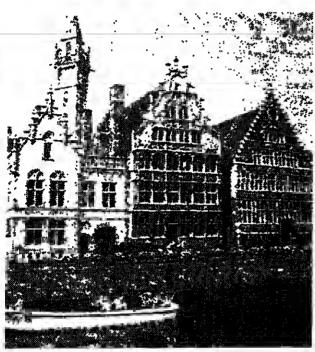
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BELGIUM EXPLORES VIRTUES OF MODERN FEDERALISM

Of the 12 nations in the European Community, Belgium is probably the most appreciative of its membership in the exclu-sive club. The EC Commission is located in Brussels, and in many ways, the ambitions of the EC reflect those of Belgium, itself a federal state consisting of three regions that each have extensive executive pow-

This year has marked a destone along Belgium's route to a federal state, with a broadening of the elec-toral powers of the peoples

of the three regions. The year has also had a dark side for the nation of

11 million have 3 official languages

11 million people. Belgium's much-loved King Baudouin died after 42 years of rule and was replaced by his brother Albert, And Europe's con-tinuing recession forced the coalition government to introduce a tough program to reduce public debt and boost the Belgian franc.

But the government has not lost sight of its role in Europe - a role that has taken on particular impor-tance in the past six months, when Belgium held the presidency of the European Community. The presidency kept the spotlight on the country's moves toward a more complete federalism of its own.

Independent only since 1830, Belgium has long ernment, a coalition involv-

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division. In recent years, it has also been a country undergoing rapid evolutionary changes in the way in which it is governed. The country has three official languages – a small group of German speakers con-centrated in the Eupen-Sankt Vith area in the east, and speakers of Dutch and French. There are two predominant population groups, the Flemings and Walloons, that do not

ferent from those encountered by other EC nations. The disagreements are often heated, yet they tend to be expressed symbolically rather than violently.

always get along. All this

poses cultural problems dif-

On one Sunday every September, for example, Flemish families in townships around Brussels take to their bicycles to draw attention to Dutch-speaking communities that refuse to become part of the officially bilingual Brussels metropolis. And the French-speaking mayor of a town in Dutch-speaking Flanders has been dismissed from office more than once for refusing to take a mandatory examination in the Dutch language - only to be voted back in

immediately. Nevertheless, very few Belgians want to take the linguistic divide to its limits, via a separation of the two cultural groups. Opinion polls earlier this year showed only 6 percent

favoring that option.
Instead, the Belgian gov-

been a nation threatened by ing several parties and representatives from both main cultures, is moving the country quickly toward a federal state in which national sovereignty has a smaller role than in

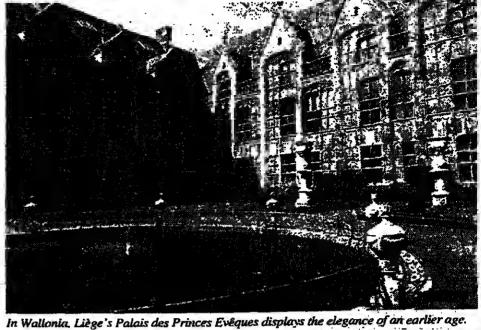
Belgium's EC partners. It is here that Belgian officials see the linkage with the EC. The country's own form of federalism and the federalism of the EC are "complementary and indis-solubly linked," Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene told the Spandsh newspaper El Pais earlier this year.

Before the organizational changes started, Belgium was a unitary state with three levels of government: the national government, in conjunction with the bicameral parliament, nine provinces, and 589 munici-

In 1980, two new sets of institutions were inserted between the government and the provinces: regions and communities. Each region and community has its own executive and monocameral assembly.

Today, Belgium has three egions: Dutch-speaking Flanders, French-speaking Wallonia and (since 1989), the bilingual "region of Brussels-Capital."

The regions have a great



deal of self-sufficiency, particularly in social and economic affairs. They are, for example, responsible for town and country planning. research, environmental protection, housing, economic policy, foreign trade, energy policy, employment policy, and public works and transport.

The three communities, meanwhile, are based on cultural and linguistic factors. The Flemish community operates in the Dutchlanguage region and in the bilingual region of Brussels. The French com-

guage region as well as in the bilingual capital region. And the German community takes care of the country's German speakers. The communities deal with such issues as cultural affairs broadly defined as the arts; cultural heritage, tourism, broadcasting, education and inguistic matters.

In practice, this is less complicated than it might seem. The executive and assemblies of the Flanders Region and the Flemish Community have merged, to form what is known as the Flemish executive and munity has its center of the Flemish council. The activity in the French-lan- joint body has its headquar-

ters in Brussels. The French-language community's executive and assembly are also based in Brussels. The Wallonia Region is

based in the city of Namur. This year has marked a key stage in the transforma-tion of Belgium into a truly federal state. Following on previous moves in 1970 and 1988, the reforms of 1993 have made provisions for direct election to the regional councils of Flanders and Wallonia. Such direct elections are already the case in the regional council for

Peter Gwynne

BRUSSELS: WHY BUSINESS EXECUTIVES ARE ATTRACTED FROM OVERSEAS

In an area of 162 square kilometers, Brussels hosts 33,000 businesses (1,000 of which are foreign-owned), 1,500 nongovernmental organizations, NATO's headquarters, 950,000 residents of over 100 nationalities and the world's second largest diplomatic corps, not to mention the core of the European Community's insti-tutions - the Commission, the Council and many of the Parliament's offices.

"Brussels is the capital of Europe, and every day we get a little more investment because the idea of Europe is dvancing," says Rufin Grijo, minister of economics for the Brussels region.

"The presence of the European institutions and of 1,500 nongovernmental institutions has attracted more than 1,000 multinationals. These are not just present in Brussels or Belgium, but also consider Brussels the center of their

Grijp opposes aid to business.

"We're probably among the regions in Europe that give the least aid," he says. "I believe that if you give a lot of money two or three times to companies, they come back like beggars the fourth year. Companies come here due to the role of Brussels as the capital of Europe and its multi-

plier effect." The importance of the European Community overshad-

ows that of the most successful Belgian-wide incentive to business investment, the "coordination center" regime. This offers large tax advantages to a multinational that sets up a subsidiary to perform a prescribed range of adminis-trative activities. Since the scheme's inception in 1982, approximately 300 coordination centers have been estab-lished in Belgium, and 170 of these – belonging to compa-nies in Recental Motors, Levi Strauss and Volkswagen – are in Brussels.

Whatever reason a company has for setting up operaons in Brussels, once its executives get there. stay. "I know an enormous number of foreign executives who come here and never want to go home," says Mr. Grijp. "Even if tax rates are higher here, what an executive takes home is still more than enough, because life in Brussels isn't expensive."

European business," continues Mr. Grijp.

There is no need to offer incentives, he says. In fact, Mr.

Grijo opposes sid to business.

"Here executives can afford a mestyre mey offer affairs manager at the American Chamber of Commerce." Moreover, at the American Chamber of Commerce. "Moreover, at the American Chamber of Commerce." there's such a large expatriate community and so many types of food and entertainment available that a newcomer does not feel isolated."

Add to that schools of 21 nationalities and housing at affordable rents, and an executive has everything his or her family needs, say Russell and Chantal De Roy of the Brussels region foreign-investment service.

Such a concentration of business is not without its negative consequences. "Brussels also has a certain number of nuisances because of all these companies, such as pollution and transport problems," says Mr. Grijp.

On the question of controlling the environment, Didier Gosuin, Brussels-region environment minister, says that the largest single component of waste is the 800 million tons of construction waste generated every year as Brussels tears down and rebuilds. The problem is replicated in most

He admits that in 1989, when the Brussels regional goveriment was created, it was a long way behind in environmental matters. "We've made a big effort," he says, "but we still bave a way to go before we're as clean as

Among the projects that the Brussels government has undertaken are the building of waste-water treatment plants and incineration and recycling facilities so that waste does not simply get taken outside of the city and used as landfill. A new procedure was introduced on Dec. 1 that requires companies to pass an environmental audit

Mr. Gosuin sees a need to re-educate citizens of Brussels who have not learned to respect the environment. "We need to have wider sanctions vis-à-vis the city's residents," Gregory Härtlwatters he says.

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lution, the region has suffered a decline in heavy industry over the past half century. Now, it is beginning to emerge into a high-technology future, with assistance from the European Community and the help of science parks set up to encourage the changing of laboratory research into products that sell.

Wallonia's industrial heritage was created in the 19th century, when the cities of Liège, Mons and Charleroi formed great centers for the production of coal, steel and glass. The decline of these industries hit the region particularly hard. Wallonia lost 110,000 mining jobs between 1953 and 1971, and another 100,000 jobs from all sectors of its economy between 1974 and 1987.

Since then, the region has fought back by converting its industries to turn out products of higher value, often using grants from the European Community. The iron and steel industry, for example, now produces a wide range of finished articles, Glassmakers create a wide range of specialized types of glass, such as hollow crystal glass and laminates. The chemical industry offers a range of



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products that varies from plastics to pharmaceuticals.

The region is looking to the next wave of value-added products. Wallonia's goal is to recapture some of the industrial leadership that it possessed in the 19th century by concentrating on modern, cutting-edge technologies. The route leads through industrial parks.

One major venture is biotechnology, the manipulation of genetic mater-

In terms of industrial technology, ial to create entirely new products for medicine, agriculture and other pursuits. Some estimate that the region Once the thriving center of has the world's highest investment per Continental Europe's industrial revo- capita in this technological brave new

> The region boasts about 50 biotechnology companies. One recent entrant is a true giant in the industry.

Early next year, Boehringer Ingelheim Whittaker, a joint venture between German pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim and U.S. corporation Biowhittaker, will start producing liquid media for cell culture, cell lines and sterile serums. The plant is located in the industrial park of Verviers, near the German

Other technology ventures in the region are associated with universities. The University of Liège, for example, has a program called Interface Liège. The goal is to provide links between academia and industry to ensure that raw information and new techniques make their way from the university laboratories to the small and medium-sized firms that can

exploit them. The university acts as a kind of incubation center for fledgling technology-based companies. In the past decade, more than 15 companies have been formed as a result of research at

Just as significant to the future of the Walloon region are two science Catholique de Louvain. The major one is at Louvain-la-Neuve, the site of the University, which was formed in 1970 when the ancient bilingual institution was split into separate Frenchand Dutch-speaking components. The site itself is as much a science town as a typical campus.

The park occupies 160 hectares of the 900-hectare site. "In practice," says the park's promotions manager, Jacques van Eijs, "researchers only have to cross the road, and they are in contact with industry, and vice-versa."

The park contains a range of occupants, from multinationals such as Shell and Nissan to one-person operations. "We accept any kind of technology, but we accept companies only if they have a good relationship with the university," explains Danielle Mercier, an adviser at the project's Liaison Office. "We want to diversify all the activities in the park."

At present, the dominant technologies are pharmaceuticals, new polymers and new materials.



Tranquil tourism in the Sablon area of Brussels.

BATTLEFIELDS COMPETE WITH MEDIEVAL SITES

For many tonrists, Belginm is more a way-station than a destination - a country through which they pass rather than a stopping point. Nevertheless, the nation offers tourists a range of attractions, from beaches to medieval cathedrals, from wooded river valleys to battlefields galore.

Add frequent festivals throughout the year, a cuisine that gourmets regard as second only to that of France, and more than 400 varieties of beer, some of which are still brewed parks created by the Université in monasteries, as they have been since the Middle Ages. In addition, the level of English spoken throughout Belgium is extremely high, and the capital, Brussels, is within a few hours' drive of such centers as Paris, Amsterdam and Düsseldorf. The conclusion: Belgium certainly deserves to be a tourist destination in its own

> Brussels is unfortunate in its bestknown attraction: Manneken Pis, the diminutive statue of a small boy urinating, is meant to represent Brussels' "irreverent spirit." But it hardly competes with the statuary of, say, Paris or

> The Grand Place, about 200 meters from the statue, is a different matter. A wide cobbled pedestrian square surrounded by the renovated facades of medieval guild houses, it is redolent of European history.

Other attractions in and around Brussels include museums of everything from Flemish art to Central African masks; the Atomium, a giant structure in the shape of an atomic molecule originally designed for the museums and at galleries.

1956 world fair; the 15th-century church of Notre Dame du Sablon; and the quaint Sablon area, home to a

mulntude of annoue shops. About 20 kilometers south of Brussels, the town of Waterloo is the site of a battle that changed history with the final defeat of Napoleon. The site itself is unprepossessing, but a 100 meter high monument topped by a statue of a lion, known as the Butte de Lion, provides a spectacular panorama of the scene.

A century after the battle of Waterloo, Belgium was involved in the carnage of the World War I. Battlefields from that era dot the country's landscape.

Mons, south of Brussels, is the site of one of the earliest battles. A complex of museums there contains mementos of World War I, and of the town's occupation by Germany during World War II.

In Flanders, to the west of Brussels, is the town of leper (known as Ypres in French). Signs of the 1917 slaughter in Flanders fields remain in the form of ruined buildings, war memorials and buge military cemeteries.

Not all of Flanders' history is so depressing. Bruges, probably Belgium's most popular destination for tourists, is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Western Europe. Nearby Ghent is another medieval city that has found its way into the tourist guidebooks.

Farther east, Antwerp has gloried recently in the title of Cultural Capital of Europe. Located on the east bank of the Scheldt River, it is a haven for

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it lacks an immediate image that might attract outside investors.

Officials from the Flemish regional government and from international companies that have been investing in the region for 25 years admit that the territory is not easily recognizable to potential investors in the United States or the Far East.

"We have nothing like Dutch tulips or wooden shoes, with which foreigners can easily identify," says Josee Mercken, managing director of the Flanders Investment Office. The region has not even made use of local treasures like Peter Paul Rubens or contemporary personalities like actor Jean-Claude Van Damme to give the world a better sense of what Flanders has to offer.

When the minister-president of Flanders, Luc Van den Brande, or other Flemish officials make presentations to investors across the world. they tend to concentrate on the ease of doing business there and the central European location of Flanders.

"Our main selling point," says Loïc De Cannière, Mr. Van den Brande's chief of staff, "is that we offer very good service, for example, in obtaining labor and building permits quickly, getting incentives worked out and helping with vocational training and hiring if it's needed. We think we're the natural distribution heart for Europe, including Central Europe. Antwerp is the closest port to Prague."

Flanders has a strong selling point in Antwerp, the second largest port in Europe, and the ports of Zeebrugge. Ostend and Ghent. The region also has five major highways crisscrossing it and, Flemish officials point out, it is within a three-hour drive of Paris, Amsterdam. Düsseldorf and

Luxembourg.

But Mr. De Cannière thinks the region has even more to offer. "Flemish workers are highly skilled and multilingual." he says. "We know that tax rates are a bit high, but we have a sophisticated system of deductions, so the effect is to make the tax rate much less than the European

Mr. De Cannière also believes that Belgian labor, despite its apparently high cost, is good value. "We always stress that productivity is high in Flanders, so unit labor costs are favorable compared to Germany," he says. Mr. De Cannière has unexpected

things to say about subsidies. "Studies have shown us that infrastructure is the most important consideration for a

Flanders has an image problem - business when making an investment decision," he says. "To this end, we have decreased the amount of subsidies Flanders pays to companies investing in the region from 15 billion Belgian francs (\$413 million) in 1990 to 5 billion francs in 1994. We have recycled this 10 billion francs into road infrastructure, port development and scientific research.

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Flanders has restricted new investments in heavy industries: they are allowed only in a crescent of land that runs from Ghent to Antwerp to



Antwerp, the closest port to Prague. makes Flanders a natural center for European distribution.

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says Mr. Mercken. Despite certain headline-catching investments, less money has come to Flanders in 1992 and 1993 than in

previous years. To change that situation. Mr. Mercken says the region will have to market itself more aggressively. It intends to associate itself more with its famous sons and products. Undiscovered treasures include the hundreds of beers from the region, such as Stella Artois, and exotic varieties of

trappist, gueze and white beers. Flanders seemed to be getting the message across, "We've suddenly had a lot of contacts in the last five to six months, many coming from the United States," Mr. Mercken says. "I presume 1994 will be better.'

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shot that forced the overtime. "I've been lucky, very lucky.
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on my knees." coach Rudy Tomjanovich Basid in Houston.

The Rockets, who got 28 points and 16 rebounds from Hakeem Olajuwon and 25 points from Mario Elie, scored the first nine second of constitute points of overtime.

"We had them and let them get away," said Glen Rice, who scored a season-high 40 points, but missed a free throw that would have given the Heat a four-point lead with 3.1

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Sonics 125, Mavericks 93: In
Dallas, the Mavericks lost their 14th straight and ninth at home. Seattle control by outscoring Dallas, 37-18, in the second quar-ter, giving them a 61-45 halftime lead that they extended to 95-71 after three periods.

"They blitzed us," Mavericks coach Quinn Buckner said, Seattle coach George Karl went to a small lineup early in the second quarter, and the Sonics' defensive pressure forced nine turnovers in the period, Seattle converted 15 of

20 shots in the quarter. Kendall Gill finished with 23 points, Gary Payton 22 and Ricky

Hawks 105, Spurs 95: In Atlanta, Dominique Wilkins scored 23 points and Andrew Lang a season-high 20, but it was the Hawks' improved defense that carried them to victory over San Antonio.

The Spurs became the 12th team in 14 games to fail to score 100 points against the Hawks.
"Our defense is winning games
for us." Wilkins said. "When we

start clicking on both ends on a consistent basis, we're going to be hard to bear."

record with their 13th straight vic-tory when they face the Washington Bullets Saturday in Baltimore. Pacers 111, Magic 105: In Indianapolis. Indiana used depth to offset a career-high 49 points by Or-lando's Shaquille O'Neal.

Reggie Miller led eight Pacers in double figures with 23 points. The Pacers connected on 40 of 50 free throws as they won for only the third time in nine home games. O'Neal hit 17 of 25 shots, including nine first-half dunks. Only a 52.9



Indiana's Dale Davis protects himself after Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal dunked two of his 49 points.

Quality Time for Tar Heels' Wallace

Last weekend, Rasheed Wallace's teammates at No. 2 North Carolina were trying to lift the spirits of the 7-foot (2.14-meter) freshman.

Against Colorado State on Thursday night in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Wallace returned the favor. He was 9-for-9 from the field and scored 19 points as the Tar Heels took advantage of their size and pressure to claim an 89-66 victory over the previously unbeaten Rams.

ace played only 12 minu against Brigham Young in last weekend's Tournament of Champions title game and the disappointment was written on his face. That was despite the fact he scored 11 points and got 10 rebounds in that

He played 20 minutes against Colorado State and made them

"Nobody likes to sit down," Wallace said. "Everybody wants to be in the game, but you can't. You can only have five on the floor. While I was in there, I had to do

PEANUTS

WASN'T THAT FUN, MARCIE?

SOOD OLD FASHIONED, PLAY

their way inside early with big starters Eric Montross and Kevin Salvadori. That set the stage for Wallace. He got 12 points in the first half, and brought the crowd to its feet at the 1:18 mark with an

Wallace closed the game with a put-back slam with 12 seconds to Montross scored 17 points and

grabbed 12 rebounds. Colorado State (3-1) couldn't

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traps and double-teams and the results were disastrous for the Rams. They committed 15 turnovers, and North Carolina got nine steals in the opening half.
No. 8 Massachusetts 90, Central

Connecticut State 63: In Amherst, Massachusetts, Lou Roe had 27 points and the Minutemen (6-1) opened a 26-point halftime lead. Boston College 75, No. 13 Syracuse 58: In Syracuse, New York,

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at the Carrier Dome for the second year in a row as Billy Curley had 21 points, almost all inside against the smaller Orangemen (4-1, 0-1) in the Big East opener for both.

No. 14 Arizona 88. Utah 81: In Salt Lake City, Utah. Corey Wil-liams scored 10 of his 14 points in a late 16-2 run that lifted the visiting Wildcats (4-0).

No. 15 Oklahoma State 89, Texas Christian 67: In Stillwater, Oklahoma, the Cowboys (5-1) closed the first half with a 20-4 run to take control. Bryant Reeves had 20

No. 22 Virginia 63, Coppin State 61: In Charlottesville. Virginia. Mike Powell, n freshman who had been hospitalized with meningitis two weeks ago, made two free throws with one second remaining for the Cavaliers.

Five days in the hospital left Powell seven pounds (3.2 kilograms) lighter and weak. "Running once down the court made me so tired my chest burt," he said.

AND NOW IT'S

STARTING TO SNOW

Chiefs Battle Their Denver Jinx

Raiders Try to Further Playoff Hopes Against Seahawks

CHIEFS (9-3) at BRONCOS (7-5): KEY STATS: Chiefs have not won in Denver in 10 years: Broncos have four losses by three points each COMMENT: Last season, Kansas City lost in Mile High Stadium by 20-19 when John Elway threw two touchdown passes in the final two minutes. It is a privotal game for the Chiefs. They can clinch the AFC West division if they wins and the Raiders lose. They can sweep Denver for the first time in 13 years. Denver, however, needs the game even more; expect Elway and the Bronco

defense to make enough big plays to secure the victory. Broncos by 1½.

SEAHAWKS (5-7) at RAIDERS (7-5):
KEY STATS: Seahawks' Rick Mirer leads AFC quarterbacks in rushing yards with 199; Raiders' coach Art Shell is 7-1 vs. Seattle.
COMMENT: The Raiders' unlikely win at Ruffale gives the team a storing shot at the Buffalo gives the team a strong shot at the playoffs. Tim Brown emerged as the Raiders higgest playmaker vs. Buffalo, with 10 catches for 183 yards, and it is a trend that should continue vs. the Seahawks. Shell loves beating former Raiders' coach Tom Flores. And it happens again if quarterback Jeff Hosteltet takes care of the ball and avoids interceptions. Paiders by 814. interceptions. Raiders by 81/2.

49ERS (9-3) at FALCONS (5-7): KEY STATS: 49ers seek fourth sweep of Falcons in past five seasons; Falcons' Bohby Hebert has TD passes in six straight games. COM-MENT: Atlanta should put a scare in the 49ers but that's just about it. San Francisco can clinch its 10th divisional crown since 1981 with a victory and a New Orleans loss. The 49ers have ample offense with Steve Young, Jerry Rice, Ricky Watters and John Taylor. Young is on target to become the first quarterback in league history to win three straight passing titles. Oddsmakers favor the 49ers by 8½ points.

JETS (7-5) at REDSKINS (3-9): KEY STATS: New York has held opponents sack-less in seven of 12 games; Washington's rook-ie back Reggie Brooks 127 rushing yards shy of 1,000. COMMENT: The Jets could have caught Buffalo and tied for second place in the AFC East but let the game slip away vs. the Colts. New York's versatile back Johany Johnson is questionable with a rib injury but is needed. Look for the game to swing on special teams play, where the Jets should enter prepared. This is critical for the Jets with a rib injury but is needed. with games left vs. Dallas, at Buffalo and at Houston, Jets by 31/2.

BROWNS (6-6) at OILERS (8-4): KEY STATS: Browns have lost six of past nine in Astrodome; Oilers' Gary Brown rushed for 194 yards vs. Browns in Week 12. COM-MENT: "Him (Jerry Glanville) coming back here for the first time and with 18-20 players still here who played for him, we didn't want him coming in here controlling our house."
That was Oilers' coach Jack Pardee after
Houston whipped Atlanta. The usually dry Pardee talking about who's in the house and who isn't in the house. Yes, all is well with Oilers. Especially with quarterback Warren

Moon, who threw for 300 yards vs. Atlanta. Oilers by 11.

BEARS (7-5) at BUCCANEERS (3-9):
KEY STATS: Bears lead series 24-7 and have
won 18 of the last 21: Buccaneers end Ray
Seals leads team with seven sacks. COMMENT: The Chicago offense has struggled
all season but it did help produce the most points by any team in a game this season, 47, vs. Tampa Bay in Week 4. Chicago has won four straight with a defense that has produced turnovers and big plays and won't fall here after having worked so hard to forge into first place in the NFC Central. Bears by 41/2.

BILLS (8-4) at EAGLES (5-7): KEY STAT: Bills' tight end Pete Metzelaars leads team in catches with 47; Eagles allowing 144.5 rushing yards per game. COMMENT: There's no damn controversy. We're just

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frustrated on offense because we haven't scored some points. That's all. We're not pointing fingers at anybody. There's no bick-ering Bills." That was Thurman Thomas after Buffalo lost late by 25-24 at home to the Raiders. Philadelphia has the defense to keep the game close but not enough offense to win it. Look for Thomas to run big vs. the sagging Eagles' run defense. Bills by 4½.

COLTS (4-8) at GIANTS (9-3): KEY STATS: Colts have won five straight at Gi-ants Stadium; Giants' Phil Simms one of nine quarterbacks to start all 12 games. COM-MENT: Those Colts five straight wins came vs. the Jets, not the Giants. The Colts will find that the Giants' defense will hit harder and so will the Giants running backs as they run right at the Colus' defense. The Giants lead the league in rushing offense (138.7 yards per game) and this is where the game will be won. Giants by 11.

COWBOYS (8-4) at VIKINGS (6-6): KEY STATS: Cowboys' Enmitt Smith needs 30 rushing yards for his third straight 1,000-yard season; Vikings' Jim McMahon 5-2 in games he has started. COMMENT: "It's not the effort and talent of the players. It's not the effort and talent of the players. It's the coaching. We've got to do a better job of coaching. We're not as efficient as we need to be. We're not playing as well as I'd like for us to play. We've got to make improvement over the last part of the season for us to be a success in the playoffs. That debacle we had on Thanksgiving has set us back for one reason or the other and we've got to come out of it." Sounds like Jimmy Johnson wants to grab a helmet and suit up. No need. Cowboys by 7½.

LIONS (7-5) at CARDINALS (4-8): KEY STATS: Lions' Erik Kramer is 11 of 24 for 120 yards with no touchdowns or intercep-tions; Cardinals' 38 points scored vs. Rams most under Joe Bugel. COMMENT: Offen-sive coordinator Dan Henning was fired and Kramer jumped from No. 3 to the starting role as the Lions search for offensive answers. They were shut out vs. Minnesota in their first game without the injured Barry Sanders.

Phoenix never looked better in its big win vs. the Rams where Ron Moore rushed for four touchdowns. Phoenix has plenty to play for, especially its attempt to save Bugel's job.

Cardinals by 6½.

RAMS (3-9) at SAINTS (7-5): KEY
STATS: Rams lost by 37-6 to Saints in Week
5; Saints' 4.6-yard average per rush tops in
NFC COMMENT: The Saints were pum-NFC. COMMENT: The Saints were purimeled by the Cleveland Browns' blitzes last week and quarterback Wade Wilson took the brunt of the punishment. Facing the Rams' pass rush should be much more healthy for Wilson. The Saints will be able to outmuscle the Rams and keep the ball on the ground and win in the way that coach Jim Mora loves best. Boring but effective football. Especially against the porous Rams defense, which has forced only 16 turnovers, 17 fewer than Buffalo's league-leading total. Saints by 13.

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PACKERS (7-5) at CHARGERS (6-6):
KEY STATS: Green Bay's Brett Favre passed for career-best 402 yards in loss to Chicago; San Diego is 8-4 at home vs. NFC Central but 0-2 vs. Packers. COMMENT:
"We're a young team and we play young, 1 felt like we were moving the football consistently during the football game. I felt good about that. I'm not going to tell you I thought 1 had a bad game plan because I put it together." Packers' coach Mike Holmgren said that after his team lost to Chicago and fell into a three-way tie for first place in the NFC Central with the Bears and Detroit. Both the Packers and the Chargers have play-Both the Packers and the Chargers have play-

Both the Packers and the Chargers have playoff hopes. The Chargers, with Stan Humphries back at quarterback, have won two
straight. Make it three. Chargers by 3½.

STEELERS (7-5) at DOLPHINS (9-3):
KEY STATS: Steelers own league's No. 1
defense (261.4 yards allowed per game); Dolphins own AFC's No. 1 offense (364.3 yards
pe game): COMMENT: Lefty Scott Mitchell is expected to return for Miami and his mo-bility, strong arm and good decision-making should be a plus for Miami's big-play offense. Pitisburgh has ridden a roller coaster all season and needs to play an intelligent game to cope with Miami in Joe Robbie Stadium. Miami will keep drives going with third-down specialist Terry Kirby, one of the league's best rookie backs. From there, look for receivers Mark Ingram and Irving Fryar and tight end Keith Jackson to give the Steelers headaches in the end zone. Dolphins by 3½,

BENGALS (1-11) at PATRIOTS (1-11):
KEY STATS: Cincinnati allowed no sacks in
21-8 loss at San Francisco; New England has
six of 11 losses by three or lewer points.
COMMENT: This game goes a long way in
deciding which team gets the first pick in the 1994 draft. Does it become a test to see which team can lose first without appearing to look as if that is its goal? The difference between picking first throughout the draft and second is huge. Let's go with the Bengals in the race for first. Patriots by 41/2.

These NFL marchups were prepared by Thomas George of The New York Times, Odds were provided by Harrah's.

Coach Bowden (Son) Outdoes Coach Bowden (Father)

BUT OBVIOUSLY THE PLAY IS UNREHEARSE AND EVERYBODY

HIS LINES.

The Associated Press HOUSTON - Auburn coach Terry Bowden won the Bear Bryant Award as college football's coach

He wanted his father, Florida State coach Bohhy Bowden, to win.

Instead, Terry Bowden beat out his father and two other finalists, John Cooper of Ohio State and Bill Snyder of Kansas State.

I NEVER KNEW LIFE

COULD BE SO BEAUTIFUL!

Thursday night. "I don't have to win this award at age 37." Terry Bowden burst upon the

national coaching scene in his first of the year, but he didn't get his season at Auburn, which was placed on NCAA probation for violations that occurred before Bowden's arrival, leading the Tigers to an 11-0 record.

Bowden is one of the youngest Division I-A head coaches in the country. He spent nine combined "To be honest, I'd rather my fa-ther win." Terry Bowden said ford, compiling a 46-21-1 record

CALVIN AND HOBBES

THEY SAY THE WORLD

before taking over at Auburn. Auburn, 5-5-1 in 1992, didn't start with the idea of an unbeaten season. "Six wins would have been an improvement for us," Terry Bowden said. "We didn't get caught up in that early in the season until we beat Florida," in the seventh game.
"Then we got caught up in it."

Florida State, Kansas State and Ohio State all will be going to bowl games, but Auburn isn't eligible for postseason play because of the pro-

Bobby Bowden, whose Florida State team will play Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, has flirted with a national championship several times, but has never captured the title. The Seminoles, 11-1, are ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press poll despite n loss to Notre Dame.

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Bowden ranks third on the alltime victories list behind Nehraska's Tom Osborne and Penn State's Joe Paterno with a record of 238-

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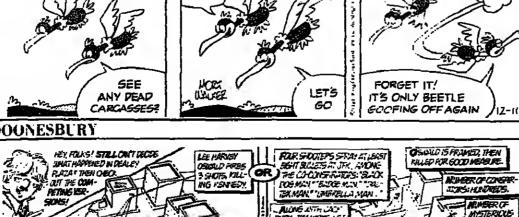


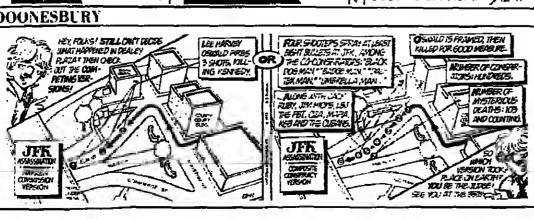
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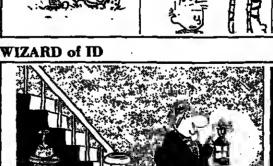
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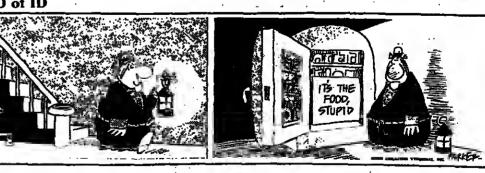
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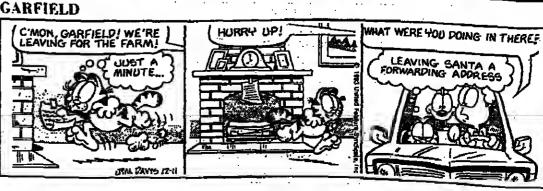












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So Hard on Prost, Racing Pulls a Punch for Senna

By Brad Spurgeon
Special to the Result Tribute
PARIS — The International Actomo-

bile Federation's decision to give Ayrton Senna a suspended two-race ban for a fight with a fellow driver after the Japaoese Grand Prix proves that in auto racing, the word is stronger than the fist.
At the beginning of the 1993 Formula
One season, Alain Prost was under threat of a four-race ban for using words to criticize the governing bodies of Formula

Vantage Point ...



One. Scnna's offense, for which he was reprimanded Thursday, took the form of a listfight when he felt that Eddie Irvine, a driver from Northern Ireland, was driv-

Had Prost in the past season punched anyone on or near the race track, there is little doubt he would have been out of the running for what became his record fourth driver's title.

There is little doubt because the threat of missing four races was only one of the governing body's many attacks on Prost in a year that proved so fraught with obstacles that the Frenchman announced his retirement even before he gained the

dissolved into the FIA, as to whether Prost should be awarded his superlicense, which all Formula One drivers must have to race. It was a strange thing to be wondering about, given that the man had won more Grand Prix races than anyone in history. But it would have made it a much easier season for certain other drivers if one of the toughest competitors wasn't there driving the best car.

The superlicense was granted, however, and Prost came into the season showing that he was still there, and all of a piece, after a year's sabbatical: He won the first race of the season, South Africa.

That was when they held the little trial to rap his knuckles for criticizing them while he was on his year's sahbatical FISA wanted to ban Prost from up to four Grand Prix races for having spoken his mind while he was not even a driver.

The trial's conclusion was that Prost was allowed to continue the season after all, but he had to be careful about what

But at the Grand Prix of Monaco, where Prost desperately wanted to win the title for his fifth time and for his team's first time, he won the pole position, key in

This appeared to be an invitation to flick of a switch, as the Williams cars are debate at FISA, which has since been the rule-makers to penalize him. The officials said Prost jumped the green light by about a tenth of a second at the start. So, after leading for several laps. Prost was called into the pits to wait out a penalty of 10 seconds. Senna won, but Prost ended in 4th place.

> With Senna five points ahead of him in the championship after Monaco, Prost's enemies must have felt content.

But they decided to make sure that the Frenchman did not get any ideas, so before the next race, the Canadian Grand Prix, they came up with their next ploy: Track stewards in Montreal reported that 24 of the 26 cars were technically illegal and should not be racing.

Until mid-July, Prost was threatened with losing points that he had gained in several Grand Prix races at which his car was charged with apparently illegal fuel. He risked losing his coveted 50th Grand Prix victory, not to mention his place in the drivers' standings. Then the rule-makers decided he could

keep the points after all. The fuel was maybe not really illegal. But there remained the active suspen-

sion. Prost's Williams-Renault team cars, unlike all the others, could not be con-Monaco, where it is very hard to pass. verted to traditional suspension with a

constructed specifically for the suspension as opposed to having it just slapped on. If they laid down the law, only Prost's team would have been out for at least three races while they built a new car.

This would have done Prost in. But all the teams decided in a meeting just before the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim that Formula One could not maintain its reputation if the rules were changed in mid-season to the detriment of people like Prost and his team. FISA put off enforcement of the rules until the 1994 season.

So after the meeting, as soon as Prost took the lead on the eighth lap at Hock-enheim, he was commanded into the pits for another stop-go 10 second penalty that ended up costing him 35 seconds, since be stalled his motor.

Prost was penalized for a brilliant demonstration of lucidity early in the race when many cars were skidding about on the humpy track. He drove off an S-curve to avoid being sliced in half by Martin Brundle's Ligier-Renault, which was skidding out of control in his direction.

The rule-makers said he was taking a shortcut to save time.

Prost won the race, but only after his teammate, Damon Hill, in the lead, blew a tire two laps from the end.

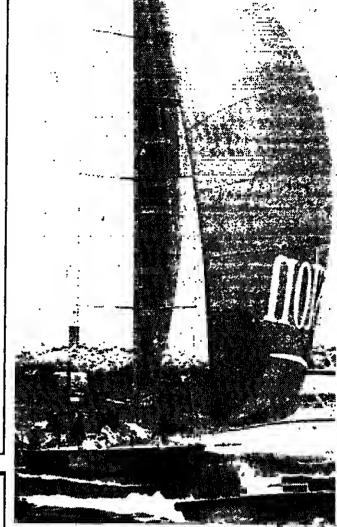
mention his genius, and he won the fourth drivers' title against the odds and the rule-

But since Prost has announced his retirement and Senna next season will he taking his Williams-Renault, the atmosphere has changed in Formula One.

The rules have become foggy again and may allow Williams-Renault to keep its active suspension. It is written that active suspension may be allowed if it is not used to affect the aerodynamics of the car. But it was invented to affect the aerodynamics of the car, to keep it at the same level off the track as much of the time as possible.

And now FIA's "sentencing" of Senna proves also that the sport's governing body is turning a tolerant eye on driver comportment. Or perhaps not. A driver may act as he pleases, but if he is outspoken instead of resorting to the fist, he may be banned from not two, but four races. But probably only in the form of a

It looks like the 1994 Grand Prix season is shaping up to he at least as interesting as the last one. Or at least for the season's leading driver, Senna, who now has, like his predecessor Prost, the FIA's sword of Damocles over his head.



The U.S. yacht Winston, which claimed a time allowance for going to the aid of a rival in distress, entering Fremantle harbor Friday.

A World Club Cup for Soccer?

ZURICH - Soccer's international governing body on Friday unveiled controversial plans for a world club cup to be held every two

Sepp Blatter, general secretary of FIFA, said in an interview with the Swiss daily Tages-Anzeiger that a 16-team inangural tournament would be held in the summer of 1995 if the plans were approved by FIFA's executive committee in Las

Herren, confirmed the plan for a tournament that would be staged in . odd years so as not to clash with the World Cup or Olympic soccer tour-

Blatter said the tournament would probably group eight Euro-pean teams and two each from the four other confederations in FIFA. There would be no qualifying matches; the confederations would select their own representatives:

The plan is likely to meet a mixed reception. Although some

clubs would welcome a slice of ex- Brazilian journalist on Friday tra television money, many others asked to play with a corresponding increase in injury risks and fatigue.

 Egypt's Zamalek won the African Champions Cup over Ashanti Kotoko of Ghana on Friday when goalkeeper Nader el-Sayed stopped cgas next week.

A FIFA spokesman, Andreas

a penalty kick by Said Youssef, ending a penalty shootout with Zamalek ahead, 7-6. Regular time had spokesman for the club said.

ended in a scoreless tie. The victory in Cairo before 100,000 boisterous fans, two weeks after a 0-0 first-leg draw in Kumasi, gave Pgypt both, major African club titles this year, Abli won the Cup Winner's Cup last Friday with a 1-0 win over Africa Sport of Ivory Coast on a penalty kick. (AP)

manager of Brazil's Sao Paulo team, and the Japan Soccer Federation have broken down, Santana told a league last season.

Santana, in Tokyo for his team's are deeply concerned at the ever- Intercontinental Cup match growing international program. against AC Milan, had been ap-leading players have also com- proached to become coach of the plained at the steady rise in the Japan national team but the Japan number of games they are being side reportedly rejected his demands. They are thought to have included a \$2.5 million salary, a full-time interpreter, a physical therapist for the team and a trainer for the goalkeeper.

• Former England manager Bob-by Robson parted company with Sporting Lisbon oo Friday, a

It was not immediately clear whether Robson had been fired as manager or whether he had resigned after Sporting's unexpected climination from the UEFA Cup by Austria Salzburg on Wednesday.

The Portuguese news agency Lusa said national coach Carlos Queiroz would take over from Rob-• Talks between Tele Santana, son. He was midway through his second season with Sporting, which finished third in the Portuguese

Citation for Capriati Over a Ring

TAMPA, Florida - The tennis star Jennifer Capriati received a citation after she walked away from a shopping mall stand with a \$15 ring without paying, her agent said Friday.

The agent said Miss Capriati, 17, inadvertently left the stand at Tampa Bay Center Mall with the ring on Thursday.

The citation carries no civil or criminal penalties and requires no further action, said the agent, Barbara Perry, in New York City.

Miss Capriati, the world's ninth-ranked women's player, was trying on rings with a friend at a booth in the mall and was already wearing several of her own, Miss Perry said.

"She inadvertently walked away with one of the rings from the booth still on her finger," Miss Perry said. "When stopped after she and her friends left the booth, she discovered she was still wearing the ring and the ring was returned."

The agent denied reports that Miss Capriati was

Because she is a juvenile, the police and mall security officials said, they were barred hy law from either confirming or discussing anything

Miss Capriati has tournament earnings of

\$357,108 for the year, with career tournament earnings of \$1,491,823. She has earned millions more from endorsement contracts with Diadora sportswear, Prince rackets and products such as Oil of Olay, Gatorade, Rolex and Snapple. She lives at the Saddlebrook luxury resort com-

plex in Wesley Chapel, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) from Tampa.

■ Suit Against Magic Johnson Dropped A U.S. district judge on Friday dismissed a \$2 million lawsuit filed by a woman who said Magic Johnson gave her the AIDS virus, The Associated Press reported from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Judge Richard Enslen said lawyers for the woman, Waymer Moore, and for Johnson had hoth requested dismissal. There was no indication in his order whether a settlement had been reached.

Johnson, 33, retired from the NBA after revealing that he has the virus that causes AIDS. Moore, 32, contended in her lawsuit that Johnson had given her the virus when the two had sex in 1990.

Johnson acknowledged one sexual encounter with Moore, but said he was unaware he had the virus until shortly before announcing his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers in November 1991.

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OLYMPIC SPORTS

Figure Skating

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Men's single skuting: 1, Alexel Urmanov, Russia, 6.5; 2, Viocheslav Zasarondniuk, Ukraina, 1.8; 3, Philippe Condelora, France, 1.5; 4, Masakazu Kosjyama, Japan, 2.8; 5,

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Cornel Gheorghe, Italy, 2.5; 6. Temooki Koyama. Jopan. 3.0.
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TRANSACTIONS

American League

N.Y. YANKES—Traded Selke Owen,
shortstee, and undisclosed amount of cosh to
California for Jose Mussat, pitcher.

Participant League
CINCINNATI—Donny Scott will return as
monoger of Billings, PL. Normed Billy Macuwell trainer of Billings.
CDLORADO—Agreed to terms with Herm

Rational Football League
NFL—Named George Young, N.Y. Glam's
general manager, and Don Shulo, Miloral Dol-phins coach, co-chairmen of Competition
Committee.
GREEN SAY—Waived Darryl Ingrom.

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GREEN BAY—Waived Darryl Ingrom, Ight and, Re-signed Tunch likin, offensive lockis, Chalmed Mort LoBounty, defensive end, off waivers. Put Toolie Robbins, offensive tackis, on injured reserve.

KANSAS CITY—Signed Bruce Pickens, defensive back.

NEW ENGLAND—Waived Lawrence Hotch, cornerback, and Ba Gilliard, wide receiver, from injured reserve.

NEW ORLEANS—Re-signed Tommie Sowers, light end.

NYGLANS—Put Perry Williams, cornerback, on injured reserve. Signed Burnell Dent, linebacker, and at him enactive rater. Signed Strom Kockowski, tight and, to practice saud.

NYJETS—Stoned Afred Optenby, defensive lineman. Put Leonard Marsholl, defensive lineman. Put Leonard Marsholl, defensive tackie, on injured reserve. Signed Alan Holler, cornerback.

receiver, to practice squad. Put Eric Bales wide receiver, an practice squad-injured list HOCKEY

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Notional Hockey Leoyee
ANAHEIM—Recolled Jernad Skolde, carter, from Son Diego, INL, Sent Alikhall Statienkov, genitender, to Son Diego on 2-week conditioning assignment, Assigned Dovid Williams, defensement, assigned Dovid Williams, defensement, aspined Forna, BUFFALO—Assigned Denks Tayrourov, defensement, hockester, AHL
DALLAS—Recolled Troy Genthie, goolander, from Kolomozee, INL. Released Duane Joyce, defensemen.
EDMONTON—Bought Fredrik Olousson. Duane Joyce, defensement.

EDMONTON—Bought Fredrik Olousson, defensemen, and 1994 7th-round droff choice from Winnbeer for 1994 3rd-round droff choice.

FLORIDA—Sought Geoff Smith, defensement, from Edmonton for 1994 3rd-and-different droft choices. Traded Greg Smyth, defensement. To Toronto for future considerations.

HARTFORD—Recolled Loar Chiblery, content from Entherland. All.

Toronto Entherland All.

defensemen, and Dan Currie, left wins, from Phaents, IHL. Sant Brent Thomason and Dominic Lavole, defensemen, to Phaents. MONTREAL—Signed Mike Kenne, right Wing, to 3-year contract.
NEW JERSEY—Recalled Jason Smith, de-

HARTFORD—Received Igor Chibirey, con-ter, from Springfield, AHL. LOS ANGELES—Received Mark Hardy,

QUEBEC—Recalled Chris Lindberg, forward, from Comwoll, AHL, ST. LOUIS—Assismed Kevin Miehro, conler, from Ottown, OHL. Recoiled Nell Eisenhut, center, from Homilton, AHL. WASHINGTON—Recoiled John Signey, detensemon, and Jeff Nelson, center, from Port-

The Associated Press MIDWESTERN COLLEGE
MIDWESTERN COLLEGEATE CONFERENCE—Addition of Cleveland St. Northern
Illinots. Wisconsin-Green Bay, Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Wright St. effective July 1, 1994.
NAIA—Named Bill Ensiey commissioner
of Georgia Athletic Conference.
ALABAMA—Named Dan Staley women's
specier coch. ALEANY ST., N.Y.—Nomed Golf Com-

mines-Denson assistant director of athletics, women's senior administrator and women's facrosse exech.
ARIZONA—Named Jim Livengood othletic director.

BLUE-GRAY CLASSIC—Named Pot Sutilivon, Texas Christian, offensive cooch and
Buddy Teevens, Tulane, defensive cooch for
Gray squad; and Mark Price, Washington
State, offensive cooch and Pot Janes, Oklohomo State, defensive cooch for Blue squad.
CALI-FORNIA, PA—Mallayd Brown, senior forward, has left basketball team.
CLARION—Named Michael Wurm men's
assistant basketball cooch.
CLARICSON—Named Coocy Janes assistant basketball cooch.

to play Stefan Edberg. Chang's challenge faded when, in the second set, he made two errors in a row to drop his serve in the eighth game. He first sent a forchand long and then hit a wild volley when he should have let the feetball cooch.
EASTERN NEW MEXICO-Howard high ball, which was going long. Sampras won the next game, for set and match, by firing his 14th ace. NUNTER—Momed Mart Burcow men's in-herim tennis cooch.

MAINE—Suspended Shown Wolsh, hockey cooch, for 5 gomes for allowing freshman to plory despite aussilions of goodemic ellopality.

MONTANA ST.—Carl Welseman, warnen's wallstyldel cooch, resident

ner will receive \$1.625 million. But Sampras has also earned a bonus of \$500,000 for winning two Grand Slam titles this year — Wimbledon and the U.S. Open - and if he wins the tournament he would end up

SAN DIEGO ST.—Numed Ed White, Tom Craft and Kennedy Pola assistant football SOUTNERN MISSISSIPPI—Brad Peveto, Implactor coach, and Mac Brown, offensive line coach, resigned. of the year.

Sampras **Into Semis**

MUNICH - World No. 1 Pete Sampras tamed Michael Chang's newly acquired big serve on Friday and reached the semifinals of the Grand Slam Cup with a two-set victory, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3.

Sampras carned \$431,250 for reaching the last four of the \$6 million tournament, the richest in the world. On Saturday, Sampras was to face the winner of the last quarterfinal match, between Sergi Bruguera and Petr Korda. In the other semifinal, Michael Stich was

Chang finished the match with four aces. He had more service win-

ners than Sampras, 16-9. This year's Grand Slam Cup winmaking \$2,125 million.

The Grand Slam Cup invites to players with the best record over the four Grand Slam tournaments

Recompense Urged For Mercy Mission Whitbread's Leg 2 at Issue

By Keith Wheatley

Special to the Herald Tribune FREMANTLE, Australia - Whithread officials are being asked to make a "bravery award" that could turn the Leg 2 results upside down and engulf the round-the-world sailing race in controversy. Winston is claiming a time allowance, for going to the aid of a cearly sinking rival, Brooksfield, that would make it the winner of the leg.

Winston fmished fifth in the W60 class and 21 hours, 30 minutes

behind the leader, Intrum Justitia. Its mercy dash took place Dec. 3 in the worst weather of the race and in the most remote sector of the Southern Ocean. One skipper has supported the idea of redress large enough to give an incentive to rescue missions. Others have said they will oppose Winstoo's claim. One described it as "farce." Brad Butterworth, with Dennis Conner the co-skipper of Winston,

made his position clear as soon as he stepped ashore on Friday. "It's going to be a cootroversial situation, but the fact is we turned around and went the wrong way to answer the distress call." Butterworth said.

He explained that Winston was preparing to change course even before instructions to do so came through on the Immarsat satellite system that

links the yachts to race headquarters in London. The skipper emphasized that the competitors have only one another to count on in an ocean without lifeboats or helicoptors. "When we got back to our original position and started racing again, over 24 hours had elapsed," Butterworth said. "Now everybody's safe and

back on dry land we can sort this out, but I don't think it's over. There's an issue here that the jury are going to have to address."

Ross Field, skipper of Yamaha, lying third overall in the W60 fleet, has his own calculations. "Winston was 104 miles behind us and in a bad situation technically when she turned around," he said. "I reckon she

would have finished over six hours behind us without the rescue." The leg winner, Lawrie Smith, was more forceful. "She doesn't deserve so much time that it's going to turn the race into a farce," he said.

Grant Dalton, skipper of the maxi-ketch New Zealand Endeavour, suggested that Winston should be awarded the same finish time as the

best performing W60 and that La Poste, which reached the flooded Brooksfield first, be given the same time as the first maxi home.

Dalton says be believes that it is vital to make generous allowances in these situations so that skippers have the maximum incentive to go to the aid of those in peril. Endeavour was "duty yacht" at the time of the crisis

and had responsibility to coordinate the rescue on the water. "Without naming names, there are some skippers in this fleet that wouldn't have gone back," Dalton asserted. "Winston and La Poste never hesitated, and those skippers should be honored for that.

"From where we sat, talking on the radio, there seemed no way that Brooksfield hadn't gone down. We thought you were talking about guys sitting in life rafts."

In fact, the Italian entry controlled the incoming water and is now en

route to Fremantle, partly flooded but under its own power.

Everyone taking part in the 51,000-kilometer (32,000-mile) round-theworld race has got to be offered maximum incentive to play the Good Samaritan, added Dalton, even at the cost of a few time anomalics. The moral complexity of the issue is compounded by the damage Winston sustained on its mission. The yacht arrived in Australia minus one steering wheel and with a tattered mainsail.

Butterworth and his crew doubted their ability to survive the voyage at one point. "It was the worst night of my life," said the New Zealand skipper "We had 48 knots of wind across the deck and could only carry the storm-jib. The boat was falling off buge waves. It began to get a little bit scary. We were worried about whether we could handle it, never mind the guys we were supposed to rescue."

Butterworth's claim will go before the international jury, an indepen-

dent panel of expert sailors, on Tuesday after the arrival of La Poste. Ross Field has already involved attorneys on Yamaha's behalf in an unrelated protest. With the might of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. underwriting Winston, this yacht race may yet turn into a lawyers' regatta.

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Dog Days in Science

MIAMI—I want to talk about thing in the world; the kitchen the hidden lives of my dogs. thing in the world; the kitchen counter. One time a piece of turkey Until recently, I wasn't aware that my dogs had hidden lives. There were many times, such as when they'd take turns repeatedly eating s deceased lizard and throwing it hack up, when I wasn't even sure

they had BRAINS. Then I got "The Hidden Life of Dogs," the best-selling book by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, who has some astounding insights into dog behavior. She spent months following a husky named Misha as he roamed all over Cambridge, Massa-chusetts. What Thomas discovered was that Misha, who at first appeared to be simply trotting around aimlessly. was in fact earning a de-gree from Harvard Business School. No, I am joshing. What Thomas

discovered after much observation, was that Misha spent his time - and here I will attempt to summarize two full chapters of "The Hidden Life of Dogs" - saiffing other dogs and pecing a lot.

This might not strike you dog owners as all that deep of an insight. But trust me, it seems like one when you're reading the book. Because where you might see just a plain old dog engaging in non-rocket-scientist behavior. Thomas sees a highly sophisticated organism responding to elaborate socio-hiological stimuli and performing complex problem-solving tasks. It's not her fault that the solution to the problem is usually to pee on it.

Reading this book got me to thinking about my own dogs. Did they have a hidden life? If so, could I discover it, and - more important

— write a best-selling book? To find out, I removed my dogs from the confined, controlled environment of our house and put them outside, where they were free to reveal their hidden lives. I observed them closely for the better part of a day, and thus I am able to reveal here, for the first time anywhere, that what dogs do, when they are able to make their own decisions in accordance with their unfettered natural instincts, is: try to get back

inside the house. Of course the dogs have important and complex sociobiological reasons for wanting to get back into the house. For one thing, the house contains the most wondrous

Europe

fell off of it. The dogs still regularly visit the spot where it landed, in case it shows up again.

Another reason is that the house provides a better echo for barking. If a dog does not release a certain oumber of barks per day, they will back up, and the dog will explode. Our large main dog. Earnest spends her day sleeping directly under my desk, and three or four times a day she'll have a pressure huildup, causing her to wake up, lift her head, release a bark and immediately go back to sleep. Her bark, traveling at the speed of bark, quickly reaches our small emergency backup dog, Zippy, who is sleeping elsewhere in the house. He wakes up and rushes up to the outside of my office door and starts barking at it, because there is clearly something wrong inside. (Why else would Earnest have barked?) This in turn awakens Earnest, who leaps up, bonks her head

against the bottom of my desk, then rushes over and starts barking at her side of the door. Each dog is firmly convinced that there is Big Trouble on the other side, possibly involving their archenemy, the U.S. Postal Service truck. It comes around every day, but now apparently the truck somehow has GOTTEN INTO THE HOUSE and is ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR BARK BARK BARK BARK-BARKBARKBARKBARK-

This is what my dogs are thinking (if "thinking" is the word I want here) as I get up, walk past Earnest. who is now insane with rage, and open the door. Instantly Earnest charges BARKBARKBARK into the hall, narrowly missing Zippy, who is charging BARKBARK-BARK into my office. Each one goes about five feet, then - WAIT a minute!! - skids to a stop, whirls around, and charges back the other

pass each other three or four times before they run out of momentum and lie down again, confident that, thanks to their alertness, the house is once again safe.

This is the hidden dog world that goes on EVERY DAY in our house. Earnest and Zippy are the only dogs I have. Make me an offer.

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way, still barking. Sometimes they'll

Humor and Religion: One Man's Roots

By Susan Keselenko Coll

ONDON — "It took me 50 years to be the strenu-ous, suffering Jew 1 am." Howard Jacobsoo ob-serves wryly as a group of unlikely cooverts to Judaism take a religious plunge into the Atlantic Ocean, "and they want to get there in one day."

The scene is from the writer's latest journey, an ironic but thoughtful exploration of the religion that he has been engaged in cerebral battle with since his formative years in an ethnic Manchester neighborhood.

The title of Jacobson's book and accompanying documentary, "Roots Schmoots." is itself an indication of the author's amhivalent relationship with his subject matter, and his caustically funny observations are the sort that could have gotten him burned at the stake by a less humor-

loving people.

Like many of his generation, Jacobson says, he always dreamed of escaping his Jewish, working-class roots. He was the first member of his family to attend university, and Cambridge at that. He has since penned four novels and three works of nonfiction, and lives with his non-Jewish wife in an area of London where bagels are in short

But there is more to who we are than how we live: "My own progression from thinking I must have been a switched baby, so Jewish didn't I feel, to knowing myself to he so exclusively Jewish that I harely had room to know anything else," he writes, "was not entirely wel-

In a scholarly, measured voice that speaks in stunning contrast to the off-the-cuff, spirited tone of his written word. Jacobson explains that he embarked on his journey to fulfill an intellectual, rather than a religious need. While writing his last novel. "The Very Model of a Man," the author undertook an extensive study of Jewish law, and found himself increasingly intrigued by his discovery of what he calls "the Jewish mind."

"There are people who say 'you can't say there's such a thing as a Jewish mind." says Jacohson, "because it's all to do with environment. . . . But I bet there is such a thing as a Jewish mind, and I think if you've got one—and if you're Jewish you've got one—it goes back about 5000 years."

So what is a Jewish mind, precisely? Aside from a tendency toward irony and self-deprecation, which Jacobson believes evolved as the result of being pushed around historically and geographically, the writer sees a commitment to legalistic, moralistic, "you could almost say nitpicking" argument.

"The hunting down of something," says Jacobson, "the fretting and worrying at something which can exhaust the Gentile mind, but which Jews can do with one another ad

Jacobson also includes the love of language in his definition. "You have to get the thing right. You have to sav it right, you have to mean it right, you have to worry it right. And by making it right intellectually and linguisti-cally, you then make it right morally."

His first, semiautohiographical novel, "Coming From Behind," was published when he 40, and followed stints as a lecturer in English literature at Sidney University and later at a local polytechnic. In the character of Sefton Goldberg, a self-consciously funny, angst-ridden Jew whose every move is determined by "centuries of bitterness and persecution" (and whose name mutates from Goldberg to Godsplan to Goldlinger when spoken by an



Howard Jacobson: A controversial viewpoint.

ohlivious Cambridge Master), one can see the foundations of the journey on which the writer would embark a decade

Jacobson was feeling "rootsie," he says, and the need to understand something of the Sefton Goldbergs of the world, as well as the desire to make a unique sort of travel program, drove him to the road. He spends the better part of his travels in the United States, where he mingles with Hasidic Jews in Crown Heights and waits in line to meet the Lubavitcher rebbe while musing on the many ways to which to affix a yarmulke to one's head. He later travels to Los Angeles in search of "beach Judaism" but finds instead "an anxious, buttoned lip, somewhat solemn, somber" community. Rosh Hashanah in the Catskill Mountains yields his most acerbically funny material, and his rendition of a series of dinner table conversations, with arguments about bread rolls and seating arrangements, could be slipped into the script of a Woody Allen movie.

Jacobson travels on to Israel, which he views as the spiritual playground of Americans. Although he hopes to avoid becoming embroiled in Israeli politics, he finds himself drawn into argument just the same. "The politics suck you down like quicksands in this city," he writes of Jerusalem. His consequent stabs at analysis that are interwoven with humor, however, creates a mix that has left some critics uneasy.

One reviewer writing in a London newspaper com-plained of Jacobson's "trivialization of dangerous and important themes," while another reviewer quipped, "If Jacobson was a kosher restaurant, he'd have his license

Yet in the end, Jacobson is arguably on safe ground, saved perhaps by the "Jewish minds" of those he lambastes. Says the author, "Many Orthodox Jews have said 'We don't agree with a word that you're saying, but keep doing it. At least you're talking about it.'
"It is part of the intellectual tradition that you don't just

revere and venerate," he explains, "but that you battle, that you do verbal battle, often very personally with God, because the Jewish God is one that you can actually engage, you fight with you go to court and have a legal battle with . . .

"And the Jews are very good at knowing, particularly the Orthodox Jews, interestingly, that that's so much a part of it, that you actually want it, and welcome it."

His views on religion aside, Jacobson is not entirely a stranger to quarrel. His second novel, "Peeping Tosa," was boycotted by local feminist bookshops because of its cover, which depicted a naked woman being "ridden" by a man. And he is still remembered in some literary circles for his outspoken views during a televised Booker Prize ceremony several years ago in which he gave a scathing review of one of the nominated books.

With "Roots Schmoots," the controversy seems set to continue. Although the book will be published in the United States next month by Overlook Press, it remains unclear whether the television program, which received partial funding from the Public Broadcasting System affiliate WNET in New York, will air in America. There seems to be a political correctness problem, as I under-stand it," says Jacobson. He has agreed to provide a separate script from the version that aired in Britain last spring, and a PBS spokesman would say only that the program is currently "under review."

At the center of debate are scenes such as one in which Jacobson opines that Christ was wrong, that he was narrow-minded and lacked a sense of humor when he overturned the tables of the moneylenders. For the American version, he says, he has amended the text to read "Jesus was wrong, I think,"

Though Jacobson jokes that he could start a new career as a sort of secular rabbi, he has at least temporarily shelved that idea, and is currently at work on a book and television program about the history of humor -a subject as close to his heart as, and possibly inseparable from,

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For 'Sunset Boulevard,' Grand Opening in L.A.

A star-studded audience cheered the U.S. premiere of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Sunset Boulevard," with Gienn Close in the role played by Gloria Swanson on screen. "She was magnificent," said Lana Turner. The opening Thursday in Los Angeles came five months after the premiere in London, where it has been playing to full houses, starring Patti LaPone.

Princess Diana appeared close to tears when she was serenaded by 500 well-wishers at a South London community center on Friday. It was the next-to-last official engagement for the 32-year-old princess, who is giving up royal duties in the face of relentless media attention.

Rocker Lenny Kravitz has cut short a tour of Europe after straining a jaw muscle. Kravitz must stop singing for two to three weeks, his agents said. · п

Leona Helmsley, the so-called Queen of Mean now reinstalled as head of a hotel empire, has left her mark on Le Marquis Hotel, the former New York hophouse that serves as a halferny hophouse for faderal in as a halfway house for federal in-mares. At Le Marquis, Helmsley, who was convicted of income tax evasion, was subject to the same inspections of her spartan quarters that every other "client" underwent. "She was very methodical about the towels matching." one resident said.

When Mark Twain wanted to send a manuscript to a friend whose address he didn't remember, he wrote on the envelope: "For MR. C.M. UNDERHILL, who is in the coal business in one of those streets there, and is very respectably con-nected, both by marriage & general descent, and is a tall man & old but without any gray hair & used to be handsome. BUFFALO N.Y. From MARK TWAIN P.S. A little bald on the top of his head." Somehow. the post office didn't lose it. Neither did Underhill's family, which has donated it to the Buffalo and Eric County Public Library.

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